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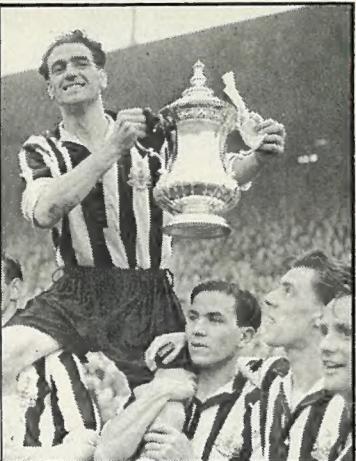
On the great
Newcastle
United
mystery

GOALS FAMINE
DOESN'T WORRY
KENNY DALGLISH



Ipswich striker Eric Gates
tangles with Leeds defender
Trevor Cherry (yellow).

SEKONDA WATCHES
TO BE WON!



F.A. Cup triumph in 1952 (above) and UEFA Cup success in 1969 (below).



60 TRANSFERS IN SIX YEARS

EVEN Tommy Docherty would be hard pressed to match the comings and goings at Newcastle in the last six years.

The newspapers have reported 60 transfer deals involving the club.

Players have been bought, players have been sold — and a number have done both.

The lack of continuity at the club is clearly a reason why it has failed to produce a consistent winning team in recent years.

Yet, despite what many fans believe, the club's financial troubles don't really lie with the cash spent on transfers.

In fact, United show a slight profit on their dealings under Gordon Lee, Richard Dinnis, Bill McGarry and Arthur Cox, not forgetting the time the directors bought Ralph Callaghan without even telling caretaker-manager Dinnis.

The money has mainly gone on paying some of the highest wages in the Second Division and on the running costs of a club with a big-time stadium — all at a time of declining attendances.

Just look at this catalogue of deals involving United since Joe Harvey left in the summer of 1974.

IN

Alan Gowling, Roger Jones, Graham Oates, John Bird, Martin Garry, Steve Hardwick, Ralph Callaghan, Dennis Martin, John Blackley, Andy Parkinson, Mark McGhee, Mike Larnach, John

SPECIAL REPORT

It was ironic that the return of Malcolm Macdonald should mark the return, if only for one night, of the good old days to St James' Park, the famous home of Newcastle United.

A crowd of more than 20,000 in October turned out when former United striker Supermac took his Fulham side to Newcastle in the League Cup.

That was nearly double the home gate in the previous League game and due in no small measure to the presence of a man who will always be a folk hero on the St James' Park terraces.

It is an indication of the decline at United that a famous name from the past — a man who isn't even playing — can hold that sort of attraction for fans who won't turn up to see the current players in the black and white shirts.

Relegated in 1978 with a mere 22 points, they flirted with the promotion positions at the start of the 1979-80 season before falling away after Christmas.

These are depressing times for a club with the potential to draw some of the biggest crowds in the country — if only they could

deliver the goods.

It is easy to understand the dismay of the present supporters. After all, they have sampled the good times and the thought of teams like Shrewsbury visiting St James' Park is hardly likely to tempt them to hand over cash at the turnstiles, particularly in an area hit worse than most by unemployment.

In the 50's, there was a long run of F.A. Cup successes, the end of the 60's brought European success, two other Wembley Geordie faithful in the mid-70's and, as evidence of the slump, it is only four years since Newcastle were in Europe and world stars like Johnny Rep were playing at St James' Park.

Maybe they couldn't rank with the consistency of teams like Liverpool, but there was enough success and interest to ensure that the gates never dipped below the 30,000 mark.

So, where did it all go wrong? And what are the chances of Newcastle halting the decline? SHOOT investigates ...

NEWCASTLE DIS-



Chris Waddle crosses for Newcastle against Cambridge this season.

Connolly, Terry Hibbitt, Peter Withe, Jim Pearson, Colin Suggett, Mick Martin, Peter Cartwright, Alan Shoulder, Ian Davies, Bobby Shinton, Stuart Boam, John Brownlie, Bill Rafferty, Steve Carney, Ray Clarke, Chris Waddle, Frans Koenen, Mick Harford, John Trewick, Peter Johnson, Imre Varadi.

OUT

Terry Hibbitt, Malcolm Macdonald, John Tudor, Pat Howard, Glenn Keeley, Roger Jones, Tommy Craig, Paul Cannell, Dennis Martin, Graham Oates, Alan Gowling, Ray Hudson, Stuart Barrowclough, Geoff Nulty, Mike Larnach, Micky Burns, Ray Blackhall, Alan Kennedy, Mark McGhee, Micky Barker, Ralph Callaghan, Irving Nattrass, Peter Withe, Tommy Cassidy, Bill Rafferty, Gary Nicholson, Mick Harford, Stuart Boam.

In the same period, United have also lost several players through injury, including Jimmy Smith, Jim Pearson, Terry Hibbitt, Ray Clarke and Peter Kelly.

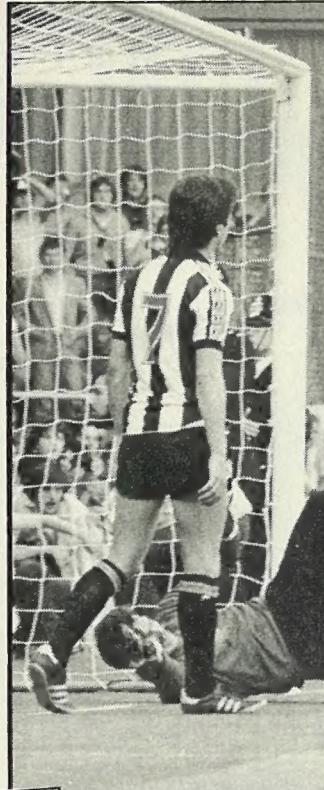
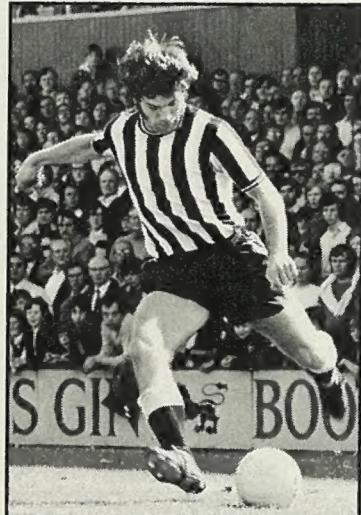
MACDONALD'S GHOST HAUNTS MAGPIES

The Dead Man's Chair ... that's what the fans have nicknamed the manager's seat at Newcastle.

Bill McGarry, Richard Dinnis and Gordon Lee are the last three men to sit there.

All three are now out of work.

And all three should take some share of the blame for the current



crisis, according to people closely connected with the St James' Park set-up.

Lee, for all he achieved, will always be remembered as the man who sold Malcolm Macdonald.

It is impossible to exaggerate the effect Supermac had on Tyneside in the 70's. He scored spectacular goals and had a tremendous rapport with the fans who loved his showmanship, but that wasn't enough for Lee.

It was inevitable that they would part company. Lee, perhaps unfairly, took all the blame and he can point to the fact that Newcastle finished fifth in Division One after Mac was sold in 1976.

But it wasn't Lee who finally saw them into that position.

Unpleasant

Instead he headed to Everton early in 1977 and, after unpleasant and much-publicised haggling between the players and the directors, his assistant Richard Dinnis got the job.

An early exit and a poor start to the 1977 season meant the sack for Dinnis, the arrival of Bill McGarry and the start of an amazing chapter of transfer dealings.

He bought 20 players in three years, sold just as many and succeeded in making a profit of over a quarter of a million pounds.

It should have taken no more than one season to send United jumping back into the top flight, they say. Instead, the club are suffering their fourth season in the



Dejected Newcastle players after Glenn Roeder (number six) scores for Q.P.R.

SEVEN OUT OF TEN FOR COX

When Arthur Cox was appointed shortly after the start of last season, it was not a decision to set Tyneside alight.

Best-known in the North-East as a coach at Sunderland when they won the F.A. Cup in 1973, he had a solid background of 20 years in the game as coach and manager.

But he was not the big name that so many of the fans hoped would take on the task of restoring the pride to the club.

Now, 14 months later, a neutral observer would award about seven out of ten for what he has achieved.

Some of his signings have not yet totally filled the bill. John Trewick has been inconsistent, Peter Johnson is in the reserves and striker Mick Harford was quickly sold to Bristol City after signing from Lincoln.

But there are signs Trewick is coming to grips with his job, while Harford's replacement, Imre Varadi, has excited the fans with his pace and showed with a hat-trick at Cardiff that he can also score goals.

So, room for improvement in his transfer dealings, but there can be few



UNITED

WHY ONE OF BRITAIN'S GREATEST CLUBS IS IN THE DOLDRUMS

Second Division.

One of the players he sold, Northern Ireland international Tommy Cassidy, is among McGarry's severest critics.

"When people ask what I think about Bill McGarry's time at Newcastle, I show them the team he took over and the one he left," said the Burnley midfield man.

In the event, McGarry sold quality men like Tommy Craig, Alan Kennedy and Irving Nattrass, yet Cassidy believes many would have stayed if the manager had been more understanding and stronger on man management.

He did make some good buys, notably Peter Withe (bought for £250,000 and sold for double that amount), John Brownlie, Mick Martin and Stuart Boam.

But for every one of those, there are two or three who made no impact at St James' Park.

It's all very well to make a profit in the transfer market, but it's little use if the results don't come say McGarry's critics.

And you'll find plenty of them on Tyneside.

DWINDLING GATES

Newcastle still command gates which are the envy of most of the Second Division. It's still the ground clubs like to visit because of the atmosphere generated from the terraces.

But it would be so much better if the club had success. That, as the table shows, is the way to halt the decline in the ground's attendances.

The rest of football should hope it happens because the game needs a successful Newcastle United.

Position	Average League at home	Attendance
1974-75 15th in Div 1	33,893	
1975-76 15th in Div 1	32,256	
1976-77 5th in Div 1	33,530	
1977-78 21st in Div 1	24,410	
1978-79 8th in Div 2	20,539	
1979-80 9th in Div 2	23,290	
1980-81 11th in Div 2	16,273	



United fans on their way to the 1974 F.A. Cup Final at Wembley.

Grow up Mark

F Mark Dennis is ambitious, Birmingham City's England Under-21 defender would be wise to heed the sensible, fatherly advice offered by his manager.

Jim Smith suggests that if his talented left-back wishes to make progress in a game that provides him with a good living, he should make major efforts to curb a temper which has earned him five sendings-off in a brief career marred by suspension.

Jim's observation, which left Dennis in no doubt that he had disgraced himself and City, came at the end of Birmingham's League game against Southampton when Dennis and Alan Ball were sent-off for fighting in the last minute.

Ball, whose distinguished career should have taught him not to have been drawn into an off-the-ball incident, claimed afterwards that he retaliated after Dennis butted him.

"I didn't hit him hard enough," admitted Ball, adding: "It might teach him a lesson."

For that remark the former England man risked the threat of an F.A. disrepute charge.

But if Alan Ball can't say it, SHOOT will, without wishing to condone Ball's part in the unsavoury incident.

Grow up Mark Dennis. You're becoming a bore and a threat to all the good work Jim Smith is accomplishing at St. Andrews this season.

SHOOT! View!

THE message for England fans is simple: Unfurl your banners, dust-down your scarves and hats, and go to Wembley on Wednesday, November 18 to praise Kevin Keegan and his team-mates, not to bury them.

England have rarely needed vocal support from the terraces more than they will when they tackle Hungary in a last ditch effort to salvage pride from a disastrous year and qualify for the World Cup Finals in Spain.

But if a sell-out gate guarantees support from the terraces England's responsibility is to give value for money.

Kevin and his men should go out and beat Hungary in style. It is nothing more than their fans deserve after a frustrating time for England in the World Cup wilderness.

'WALSH FOR ENGLAND'



PAUL WALSH, the brilliant Charlton striker will one day play for England.

That's the confident prediction of manager Allan Mullery.

Walsh is already a Youth international but those full-squad honours can't be too far away.

Listen to Mullery: "Paul is a tremendous prospect."

"His progress so far has been great but he can only get better. I'm not saying he should be in the England team now but give it two or three years and I'm certain he will be in line for a cap."

Certainly, Walsh's skills, speed and deadly finishing have attracted a posse of scouts to The Valley.

Walsh also found an admirer in Norwich manager Ken Brown after his side's 1-0 defeat of Charlton in the League Cup Second Round, first leg match.

Brown said: "That boy is a bit special. He's not frightened to try anything. He's obviously one for the future."

BOBBY McNeill will soon be playing again — after suffering an injury every footballer dreads. The 18-year-old Hull City right-back was hit in the face by the ball in a practice match and blinded. He spent five days in hospital and recovery was touch and go. But his vision slowly returned and doctors diagnosed a burst blood vessel which would clear up with rest.

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BRITISH PLAYERS TREATED UNFAIRLY

HARRY GREGG, sacked by Manchester United in Ron Atkinson's purge, has bounced back into football at Blackpool.

He has been asked to work with three Bloomfield Road goalkeepers, Iain Hesford, John Rush and Mike Hibbitt.

Blackpool boss Allan Brown believes Hesford has the talent to make the top. With Gregg as his coach, anything is possible.

Merrington's mistake

DAVE MERRINGTON shocked the football world when he turned down the manager's job at Sunderland to become Jimmy Adamson's right hand man at Leeds.

Now, more than a year after being sacked by Leeds and still without a job, 37-year-old Merrington looks back with regret on the decision to leave Roker Park nearly three years ago.

"I've had plenty of time to look back and, for the first time, I've come close to accepting that I made a mistake," says the former Bristol City and Burnley defender.

"At the time, I left for the right reason, but it was a bad move from a professional point of view."

Walking— for charity

HELP THE AGED is organising the Great London Parks Walk as its major fund raising event of 1981.

The walk will take place on Sunday, November 15. The route for the sponsored walk of 15 miles in three mile stages. It starts at the Serpentine in Hyde Park from 9.00 am to 12 noon and finishes in Battersea Park from about 1.00 pm.

It takes in Hyde Park, Holland Park, Kensington Gardens, Regent's Park, St. James' Park and Battersea Park in that order.

All enquiries and offers of help, particularly with marshalling and administration on the day, please contact Chris Neal, Tony Clarke or Aiden Connolly at Great London Parks Walk, 318 St. Paul's Road, Highbury Corner, London N1.



Kenny Burns sent-off on Forest's pre-season tour to Spain.

THE Football Association are studying reports that British players were unfairly treated after sendings-off in pre-season tournaments in Spain.

For while the Spanish authorities have been quick to report any British players' misdemeanors, they have turned a blind eye to misbehaviour by Spanish players in the same matches.

The Spaniards have officially confirmed that players such as Bernd Schuster, cautioned four times in pre-season tournaments, will face no disciplinary action.

And Betis striker Rincon, sent-off on the same night as Southampton's Steve Williams, has gone unpunished, while Saints' midfield player has served a suspension for the offence.

The facts are alarming the Football Association and it seems they could reconsider their attitude towards misbehaviour in Spanish tournaments.

British players are being treated harshly, and in some cases unfairly, and their clubs are losing them for important League matches.

A rule for some and not for others is a situation the FA will clearly not tolerate.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST are interested in Pierce O'Leary, an Eire international.

The younger brother of Arsenal's David O'Leary joined Vancouver Whitecaps from Shamrock Rovers last season on a three year contract.

'BOMBER' JOINS TORQUAY



TONY BROWN

veteran of 561 League appearances for West Bromwich Albion in which he scored an impressive 218 goals, has joined Torquay United.

Club captain John Wile recalls a goal Tony scored at the height of his career in a Cup game against Sheffield Wednesday.

"The ball dropped over his shoulder 40 yards from goal. He drew back his foot — and the ball flew to the net."

Wile pays this tribute: "He has been one of football's greats. But I don't believe he ever achieved the recognition he deserved."

"After a career like his he should have had a drawer full of England caps."

Tony won only one England cap, against Wales, at Wembley in May, 1971. England's team in a dull 0-0 draw was: Shilton, Lawler, Cooper, Smith, Lloyd, Hughes, Lee, Coates (Clarke), Hurst, Brown, Peters.

Mark of courage



MARK GARDENER, aged 13, of Camp near Stroud in Gloucester is a very brave little boy.

He has to spend five days a week at Guy's Hospital in London on dialysis after an operation to remove both his kidneys.

Mark has suffered a kidney defect since birth and after 11 major operations is on the

priority list for a transplant.

Mark's courage impresses everyone he meets, including Q.P.R. stars Clive Allen and Mike Flanagan who called in to see him recently.

Over 700 of Mark's school friends hope to collect £1,000 in a sponsored walk in aid of kidney research.

Shrewsbury's Ian Atkins refuses to have his photo taken before a game he isn't being rude.

Atkins now wears a gumshield after being kicked in the face against Wrexham last season. He already had a plate in his mouth and a Welsh boot removed two more teeth.

After a few visits to the dentist Atkins' toothpaste smile was returned and he aims to keep it that way.

He was elbowed in the face against Oldham this season and reckons that had it not been for the gumshield he would have been minus a few more teeth!

EVERTON KEEN ON WILKINS

DON'T be surprised to see Everton make a move for Ray Wilkins.

After allowing Asa Hartford to go back to Manchester City, boss Howard Kendall is looking for a new midfield general, and Wilkins fits the bill.

Manchester United are believed to be willing to sell now that they have signed Bryan Robson from West Bromwich Albion. Ron Atkinson is aware that the books need balancing.

Raising cash maybe Kendall's problem though. He too might have to sell, and that could mean an early exit from Goodison Park for one or maybe two of the stars drafted in by Kendall at the start of the season.

Tyler tops at Granada

AFTER five years with Yorkshire TV, Martin Tyler has succeeded Gerald Sinstadt as chief soccer commentator at Granada.

Apart from his TV duties, 35-year-old Martin is a prolific writer. Among the books he's had published include *The Book of Football* and *Cup Final Extra*.

A former striker with Corinthian Casuals in the Isthmian League, Martin still plays for charity, alongside former greats Denis Law, Roger Hunt and Ian St. John.

Other changes in the media include Denis Law, who has switched from BBC Radio to Granada.

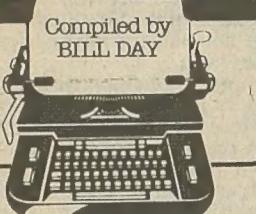
Denis' ex-boss at the BBC, producer John Helm, is now with Yorkshire TV.

Another ex-Radio commentator and presenter Jim Rosenthal is becoming a real celebrity at London Weekend TV.

Anymore changes and they'll introduce transfer fees for commentators.

NEWS DESK

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BILL DAY



IAN ROBINS' goal in Huddersfield Town's home defeat against Chester recently, was his 100th in the Football League.

Ian, who was manager Mick Buxton's first major signing three years ago, has notched up 55 goals for the Leeds Road club. Previous spells with Oldham Athletic and Bury, from whom he joined Town, brought him the other 44 goals.

Briefly

• Alan Hodgkinson, the former Sheffield United and England goalkeeper, has joined Birmingham's coaching staff on a part-time basis.

Hodgkinson spends one day a week at the Elmdon training ground, coaching the club's three goalkeepers.

• Liverpool's lowest post-War crowd, 11,478, watched the European Champions beat Exeter 5-0 in the League Cup, Second Round, first leg. Welsh international Ian Rush, deputising for David Johnson, scored two goals. Other goals came from Terry McDermott, Kenny Dalglish, and Ronnie Whelan.

• When the League of Ireland played Brazil in the Northern Town of MacCio recently, the gates were closed six hours before the kick-off!

Inside a 54,000 crowd had gathered for the official opening of the new stadium dedicated to former Brazilian star Pele.

• A member of Bohemians FC has offered £350 to the first player to score 16 League goals this season.

• Newcastle's goal at Norwich was seen by millions on television, but few realised the double significance of the close-range shot from Chris Waddle.

It was the Second Division club's 5,000th goal in League football and also ended an amazing run of more than 15 hours of away football without scoring.

• Wolves teenager John Laws (right) wants to be a physiotherapist or a vet if he fails to make the grade at Molineux. The youngster is safeguarding his future by taking a business course and A-level economics. Laws could have gone to Villa, WBA or Stoke.

• Ask Everton's teenage full-back Michael Stevens if he likes to be called "Mike" or "Mick" and he replies: "Just call me Gary."

"I was christened Michael Gary but I always like to be called Gary."



Gregory's the boy!



QUEENS PARK RANGERS' Omniturf pitch may be the trump card in their promotion bid. But the ace up manager Terry Venables' sleeve has been £250,000 summer buy from Brighton John Gregory.

Rangers had a shaky start to 1981/82, but then Gregory switched from right-back to midfield ... and Rangers clicked.

Gregory began a goal-a-game sequence that saw Rangers climb Division Two with an impressive run of home wins without conceding any goals.

Venables is full of praise for the player. "Most midfielders either specialise in attacking or defending. John does both jobs equally well. The way he times his runs reminds me of Colin Bell," says the Rangers boss.

Gregory is happiest playing in midfield. "I switched to the middle towards the end of last season with Brighton and scored a few goals.

"The way we play gives me freedom to go forward."

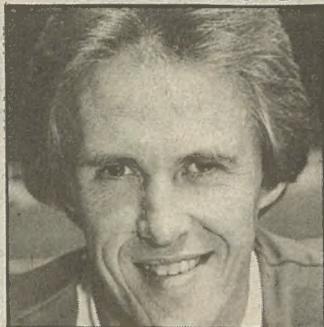
Call for Gates?

ENGLAND discard Eric Gates should be recalled to the attack for the vital World Cup decider against Hungary at Wembley according to his club coach at Ipswich, Bobby Ferguson.

"He did marvellously when he played his first England game against Norway, but he played when he wasn't fit against Rumania in his only other international and he didn't do himself justice that time," said Ferguson.

"He should have cried off for that

Neal's 600



PHIL NEAL played the 600th game of his career when he played for Liverpool against Leeds. He has missed only one game — a European Cup-tie in 1976 — since arriving at Anfield. He nows 400 appearances for Liverpool.

Neal has never regretted his rather humble beginnings at Northampton Town.

"I've known the other side of the coin, with a club close to the bottom of the Fourth Division. So I appreciate what I've had during my time with Liverpool," he says.

And the Anfield fans have appreciated Phil's contribution too.

Pinta fans

WATFORD fans are keeping an even closer eye on their team's results on a Saturday, for every time that Watford win or draw, they could qualify for a free pint of beer!

Benskins Brewery have started a new club called the "Pennant Supporters Club". Membership is free and anyone can join at their 'local'. Each member is entitled to claim a free pint between 7.45 and 8.15pm on a Thursday — provided Watford have won or drawn their previous Saturday's match.

COVENTRY boss Dave Sexton has hit on a novel idea of "geeing up" his young team. He has launched a players poll for each month by which the players fill in a form marking their team-mates for various abilities in games. The forms are returned unsigned so no one knows the marker's identity. Sexton then tots up the marks and announces the top player for each month.

JOKER JOHN

JOHN FASHANU is ready to assume the mantle of big brother Justin as the joker in the Norwich City pack. During a lull in the proceedings in a recent reserve team fixture Fashanu the younger suddenly crashed to the floor as though mortally wounded and lay deathly still. Trainer George Lee rushed from the dugout like a bat out of hell, only to see John leap to his feet and gallop away a picture of good health.

The crowd were in stitches and big hearted George didn't mind too much either.

match, but it was typical of the lad that he wanted to play.

"Nobody in the country can turn people like Eric. He holds the ball up well and has a tremendous shot. He needs a big lad alongside him, but it's all about getting the right blend."

Said Gates: "I'm keeping my fingers crossed that I might get a recall. I'm playing well and hope that Ron Greenwood looks to change the team a bit after the defeat in Norway. I can do a job for England."

Kevin Reeves



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'WANTED! Four more players'

TWELVE players out, nine players in — and I am still not finished with the business of buying and selling players at Manchester City.

I have spent roughly £2,800,000 since my arrival at Maine Road and have sold players to the value of £1,150,000. But my spending did not end with the transfer of Asa Hartford from Everton.

I need one forward, one midfield player, and two defenders to complete the jigsaw. I know the players I want. Now comes the difficult task of buying them. Because all four are thoroughbreds, pure gold.

City fans were somewhat alarmed when it became apparent I wanted to sell Tommy Caton. "How can you get rid of him?" they moaned. Good management is doing the right thing at the right time. It was right to consider parting with one of the First Division's most outstanding players.

What happened was this. Arsenal wanted Caton, I wanted Kenny Burns, of Nottingham Forest. But Brian Clough sold Burns to Leeds before Arsenal made a proper move for my man. The offer of £500,000 for a 19-year-old was good business but the timing was wrong for the deal to go through.

Buying and selling is a skilful business. You make mistakes occasionally and some transfers mystify the fans.

I want a squad of 15 or 16 class players and if asked to compare the Manchester City side of my dreams with a successful team from the past, I'll confess to hoping to produce the equal of Spurs' gloriously successful double winning side of 1960-61. Blanchflower, Mackay, White . . . what memories.

I'd creep off from West Ham to watch Bill Nicholson's team play in North London. I suppose you'd say that was double loyalties.

Manchester City are falling short of those standards. My players are not expressing themselves in the manner I want, with the notable exception of Tommy Hutchison.

Kevin Reeves, for example, is not playing with the freedom I'd

expect from him. He is playing within himself. I want him to shoulder more responsibility, take charge, dictate things on the pitch. There are others.

Martin O'Neill, signed from Forest, has taken surprisingly long to settle but now his experience is beginning to shine.

In some ways the team has not performed with the same determination and style of the City side who reached last season's F.A. Cup Final.

There is a little fear in the camp. Fear of making mistakes, fear of losing. I don't like that. They have no reason to fear me. I had no criticisms of them when they lost to Spurs in the Cup Final. They played magnificently, and I told them so.

I'm critical only because I demand such high standards. Some would settle for a mid-table



City's 'new boy' Asa Hartford in derby action against United.

position, but that's not me.

Asa Hartford has brought a touch of class and enthusiasm to midfield, and once Trevor Francis has fully recovered from injury, we should make an impact in the various competitions.

I am pleased to say that everything is hunky-dorey between chairman Peter Swales and myself. What worries me is that my public image is not the true me. It hurts when I read letters in the Press saying "Shut-up Bond". My players will tell you I'm not in this world to criticise. But if people want me to hedge a question, I won't do it. Ask me what I think of Mr Swales and I'll tell you he's the best chairman in the world.

Managers can feel "down" as much as players, you know. I felt a little low the other day when there was a rap on my office door. "Can I have a word, boss?" said Joe Corrigan. "Do you mind me asking if everything is okay?" he inquired. He'd detected an unhappy look and had worried about me. What a marvellous gesture.

Comfort

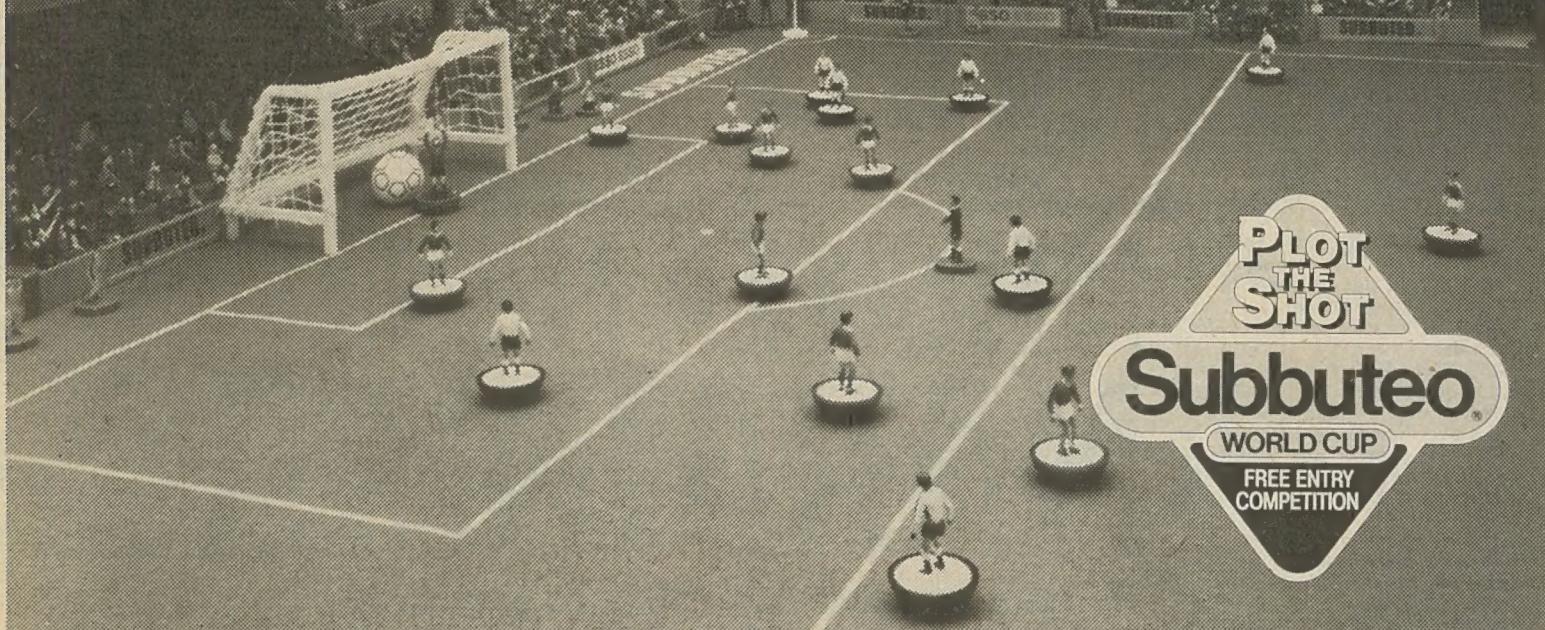
No one will know the uplift Trevor Francis gave me when he scored twice in his first game for City against Stoke. They reckoned Francis was under pressure, what about me after spending £1 million? We all need a grain of comfort sometimes.

We're going to go hell for leather for the First Division title. If you wanted me to place a wager on the destiny of the trophy, excluding City's hopes, I'd have to go for Ipswich with Tottenham running them close.

I question the attitude of Ipswich players to the job of winning the title. They're blessed with tremendous skill but I have a question mark against their attitude.

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DANIEL PASSARELLA Argentina



MIRACLE MAN MARADONA



PASSARELLA: It's true that success brings a lot of pressure. I think that different people react to it in different ways, though.

SHOOT: How have you reacted, for example?

PASSARELLA: I've insisted on living a quiet life. I don't really consider myself a good talker, so I don't like doing interviews all that much. I'm sorry, but I honestly don't! I believe in action on the pitch rather than a lot of empty talk.

SHOOT: What about Maradona? He's taken over as the main attraction, hasn't he? He can't do anything in peace.

PASSARELLA: Yes, it's very difficult for him to relax, either at his club or with the national team.

Perhaps all of us are a little better off in this respect when we're on tour with the national team, because manager Cesar Menotti insists on keeping the media and the fans away from us for long periods.

Certainly there'll be strict controls during the World Cup next year, and I think all of us will welcome a spell of privacy before we try to win the World Cup again.

SHOOT: Daniel, as we're sitting here we can see Diego surrounded by fans, reporters and photographers, while over there Van Tuyne and Olarticoechea are being ignored. Do you think any of the squad resent Maradona's popularity?

PASSARELLA: Well, I can't speak for every individual in the squad, you understand. But I can tell you honestly that if there is any resentment I haven't seen it.

SHOOT: And no one envies his money?

PASSARELLA: I think everyone would like more money! Who wouldn't! But no. Everybody in Argentina recognises that Diego is an exceptional footballer with unique talents. If another man had the same talent, maybe he'd deserve the same money. No, I don't think anyone begrudges him his money.

SHOOT: What's Maradona like as a person? Does he get on with the other players?

When Daniel Passarella lifted the World Cup in triumph in 1978, his thoughts were purely about his past — and the fact that only five years before he'd still been a complete unknown in the provincial town of Chacabuco.

Suddenly, he could not venture on to the street without being mobbed.

But if Passarella and goalscorer Kempes captured most of the World Cup headlines, in the last three years the massive burden of world fame has shifted to the young shoulders of Argentina's new superstar Diego Maradona.

SHOOT asked Argentina captain Daniel Passarella to describe the pressures of being a World Champion.

● He's the best footballer in the world

● Give him the ball and he can turn a game

● Opponents try to get him sent-off

● A very sensitive person



ABOVE . . . Passarella listens intently to Menotti, the man who led Argentina to the world title.
RIGHT . . . Where Maradona goes, the Press follow.



It's tough at the top — as Maradona finds out regularly. Maradona (below, right) is the man Argentina look to for inspiration — a burden for Diego to carry. Drawing from Guerin Sportivo.



people expect you to do something very special in every game. And if you don't, they say you've played badly. This is a fact of life that I've learned to accept at River Plate, and Diego is finding the same at Boca.

SHOOT: You mention pressure from the fans who expect miracles every game. What about your opponents?

PASSARELLA: This is very true. Diego's fame guarantees that he'll get close attention from at least one member of the opposition, who'll be instructed simply to make sure that Maradona doesn't play.

Some managers will even give instructions to try to provoke him, in the hope that he'll throw a punch and get sent-off. Fortunately, Diego has a very good temperament.

One of the things Cesar keeps telling us in practice matches is to give Diego the ball even though he looks to be tightly marked.

We tend not to give him much of the ball if he's got a man breathing down his neck, but as Cesar says, he's got the talent to turn a game in spite of the special attention he gets.



SHOOT: When Maradona decided to stay in Argentina instead of joining Barcelona, you wrote him a public letter saying you felt he'd made the right decision. Do you have a sort of 'godfather' attitude towards Diego?

PASSARELLA: No, not exactly. I do take my position as national team captain seriously, and I genuinely felt that Maradona's presence in Argentina was fundamental for the future of the game, and for our defence of the World Cup.

SHOOT: Will Maradona really be the big star of the World Cup in Spain?

PASSARELLA: Yes, I'm sure he will. At the moment he's the best footballer in the world. I don't agree with all the comparisons with Pele — I think this is counter-productive. Anyway, I didn't see much of Pele, so I wouldn't like to give an opinion. But I've seen a lot of Maradona — in League football, in training sessions and in international matches. And I'm convinced that he's got the talent and the personality to be a sensation in Spain, especially now that he's acquired a lot more experience at international level.

SHOOT: Boca's financial problems mean that they play friendlies almost every other day — and the contracts stipulate that Maradona must play. Do you think he's being saturated with football?

PASSARELLA: Yes, I do. When you're a world-famous name,

• Interview by Graham Turner

YOU ARE THERE

compiled by Keith Hackett



MATCH POINT

• A lot of fans might have been bewildered to see referees waving play on when no offence appears to have been committed. But most people only watch a player's feet, little realising that the use of hands seems to be creeping more and more into the game. Shirt tugging has always been a problem, but it is not always so easy to spot. Sometimes it is blatantly done to prevent an opponent from reaching a ball, but often a defender will tug an opponent's shirt to prevent him jumping for a high ball. Handing off is another problem, as often both players challenging for a ball are equally guilty of this offence. In this case I give a free-kick against the player who commits the offence first, but will always wave play on if the other man has not lost the advantage.

ANSWERS

1. Captain or send off the player who committed the offence (b). You would restart the game with a goal-kick because the ball had not left the penalty-area. 2. Send both players off for violent conduct (a). A third option would be to caution the player who committed the offence first, and then award a free-kick to the other team. 3. Award a free-kick because both players are off for violent conduct (a). A third option would be to caution the player who committed the offence first, and then award a free-kick to the other team.

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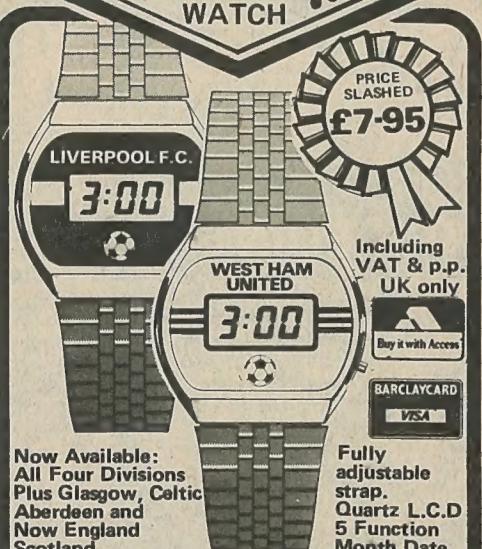
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Frank Stapleton (no. 9) scores the Republic of Ireland's second goal against France.
Michael Robinson in a tussle with French defender Janvion (below).

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EIRE ECSTASY-

WHILE Scotland can plan for the World Cup, and England and Northern Ireland can dream of Spain, the Republic of Ireland and Wales must depend on others for their fate. The Republic have done tremendously well, their 3-2 win over France was a magnificent performance. Wales' chances would appear to be as dim as the Swansea floodlights were against Iceland, but England and Northern Ireland have come back from the dead, so perhaps Eire and Wales can, too.



WELSH WOE



Alan Curtis gives Wales hope with this headed goal from a corner.

WELLS SHRUGS OFF CLEMENCE THREAT

EVERY time he plays for Southampton, Peter Wells reminds himself of the day he picked up a newspaper during his summer holiday in Ireland and read a story that threatened to turn his life upside down.

Southampton's first-choice goalkeeper discovered that Lawrie McMenemy wanted to sign Liverpool and England international Ray Clemence — a transfer that would have relegated Wells back to the reserve team football he suffered for so long with Nottingham Forest.

"I came home, went to see the boss and cleared the air. I was delighted when he told me that Ray was not coming to The Dell after all. But it gave me one hell of a jolt. You can take nothing for granted in this game. One minute I was relaxing with my wife, Elizabeth, and looking forward to

three points for a win system.

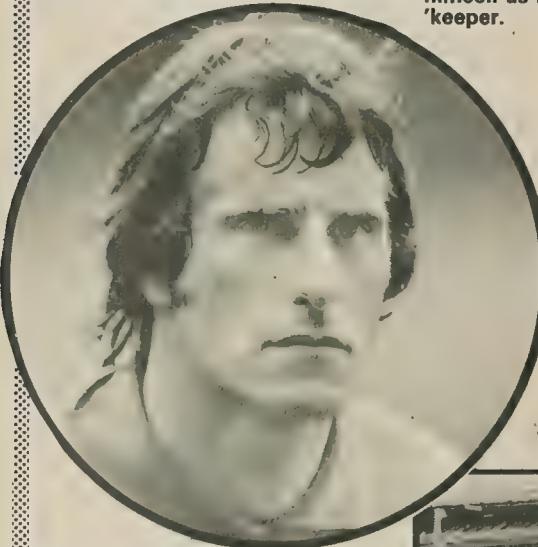
Wells is among the best when it comes to stopping goals, but he knows a thing or two about scoring them as well.

"I began as a centre-forward. In fact I had no intention of becoming a goalkeeper. I enjoyed scoring goals and wanted to concentrate on that. But I was shoved into goal one afternoon while playing for my school, Fairham Comprehensive, Nottingham.

"The regular 'keeper was injured so I agreed. I made one save and that was that. I had a place in the fourth year side . . . as long as I stayed in goal. So my striking days were over."

Nottingham born Wells was spotted by Forest while playing for an area representative side. He joined them as a schoolboy but struggled to establish himself as first choice 'keeper.

Peter Wells (above)
was shocked to hear of
Southampton's interest
in England goalkeeper
Ray Clemence (left).
Wells (below) safely
collects a cross during a
game against Everton
this season.



the challenge of a new season; the next I was hurrying home in a state of agitation, worried about my future.

"I am determined to prove to the boss that Ray was one player he did not need. I believe I am an even better player because of that experience. It gave me a real push to step up my game, to achieve new standards as a player."

Wells, 25, is currently part of what many fans believe to be the most exciting Saints line-up in the club's history.

"We play to win, home and away. If we go in front we go looking for more goals, often playing with just three men at the back away from home. A draw is not enough any more. It's only one point. Our football is ideal for the

"I made only 27 League appearances in nearly five years. It was frustrating but I was stubborn and determined to break through. Then a Southampton scout saw me playing in a Central League match at Coventry in 1977 and the next thing I knew Peter Taylor was telling me that Lawrie McMenemy was interested. I did not need more than one trip, one meeting and one word "Yes!"

He was signed on December 8, 1977, as cover for first choice F.A.

Cup Final hero Ian Turner. "But Ian developed cartilage trouble and I was into the first team as soon as I arrived.

"I'll never forget one game that season, away to Anderlecht in the European Cup-Winners' Cup. We lost 0-2 but the taste of Europe after all those years in the stiffs at Forest . . . an incredible contrast. I don't think I was ever the same player after that night."

Wells accepts that he takes a fair amount of pressure as a player because of Southampton's style.

'Enjoyable'

"I prefer it like it is. We entertain people, we have a go and we have the players to take teams apart. It is enjoyable to play our kind of football and we know the fans appreciate us, even opposition supporters give credit when they see good football."

"I have grown more confident in the past two seasons. I am in charge of my game now and I believe in the players around me.

"When I first came into the side, back in 1977, the side had to battle for everything it got. That was the way we played because of the line-up. But we have top-class players in the side now, really quality men such as Kevin Keegan, Bally, Stevie Williams, big Dave Watson . . . most clubs must envy us lads who sometimes do not get into the first team!"



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RIGHT . . . Jordan in a tussle with Cabrini and Brio.

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I know this from experience, and like many reserves past and present I seized my opportunity in 1974 after an injury to Larry Lloyd presented me with a first team shirt.

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Every season at least one player makes the breakthrough, and the man most likely to succeed this term is young Ian Rush — brought



PHIL THOMPSON
My soccer world

in for Dave Johnson, out with a cut eye — something of a mystery marksman to most people outside Merseyside.

A great prospect, Ian could play a big part in adding more honours to Liverpool's impressive list, but I can't see him starring off the field, sought after by TV, radio and the rest of the media.

He's strictly the silent type, a lad who shies away from publicity, keeps himself to himself and expects his football to do his talking for him.

In training, you never hear Ian shouting, yet he stands out by giving everything he's got in the various fitness routines and in five-a-sides and practice matches.

As I'm often up against him, I know just how difficult opponents find him to mark. He shields the ball like Kenny Dalglish, making it hard to dispossess him and also has a deceptive turn of speed. His loping stride makes him hard to catch once he's past. In front of goal he has a real killer instinct.

It was his goalscoring with Chester that prompted Liverpool to buy him for £300,000 last year, though in

'IAN RUSH- THE QUIET "KILLER"!'

something like nine senior appearances he failed to score once.

This season he's begun to make the adjustment to top class football, scoring two goals against Exeter in the League Cup, one against Oulun Palloseura in the European Cup and another brace in our 3-0 League win over Leeds United.

Ian is a lad of few words with the prospect of doing great deeds not only for Liverpool but for his country, Wales.

Another newcomer to the first team dressing-room is Ian's big mate, Ronnie Whelan.

Chatty

Ronnie, a product of Home Farm, is a happy go lucky, chatty Irishman who did a grand job deputising for the suspended Ray Kennedy.

Like every good midfielder, he gets amongst the goals, scoring on his League debut last season.

An indication of the impact he's already made is his selection as Man of the Match in our 2-2 draw at Anfield with Swansea City.

Liverpool are the envy of other clubs because of our back-up talent, the power in reserve provided by our Central League team which continues to win everything.

I know how frustrating it is to play at this level, in front of spectators you can almost count, knowing you could command a place in most other First Division sides, but you carry on, fired by the ambition to become part of the most fabulous,



successful side Britain's ever seen. Unfortunately, very few local products make the grade. I'm one of the lucky ones.

Colin Russell, a Merseysider like me, is another player for the future, in the same striking mould as Kenny Dalglish. He looks like Kenny, can take a lot of punishment, and has the built-in radar that pinpoints the goal.

You probably remember Howard Gayle for his explosive introduction as a substitute to European Cup football when our boss, Bob Paisley, brought him into the team for our second-leg away tie against Bayern Munich last season, and his running wore the Germans down and enabled us to get the required 1-1 draw.

Howard has the ability to rank alongside other coloured players, like Remi Moses and Justin Fashanu.

Whereas Howard is a local lad, discovered playing for a local Sunday League side, Liverpool-born Kevin Sheedy had a spell at Hereford United before coming to Anfield.

At one time last season, the club were prepared to release him. Whether this inspired him to make an extra-special effort, I'm not sure, but since then he's improved tremendously. I don't know of any player with a left foot that can deliver a pass with such pinpoint accuracy.

With players such as Ian, Ronnie, Colin and Howard making up our 16-man squad, Liverpool are better

'Ronnie Whelan, another great prospect'

placed than any other club in the battle for honours at home and in Europe.

The bookies could regret switching horses in the Championship race and replacing us as favourites with Ipswich Town on the basis of the early results. There's still a long way to go to the end of the season, and we're just getting into our stride.

This Saturday we visit Roker Park to play Sunderland, a club with a great tradition but whose only achievement in recent years is to win promotion.

I'll give their fans top marks for loyalty. Last season, when Sunderland had the shadow of relegation looming over them, 10,000 supporters came to Anfield and their non-stop singing helped inspire their team to a 1-0 win.

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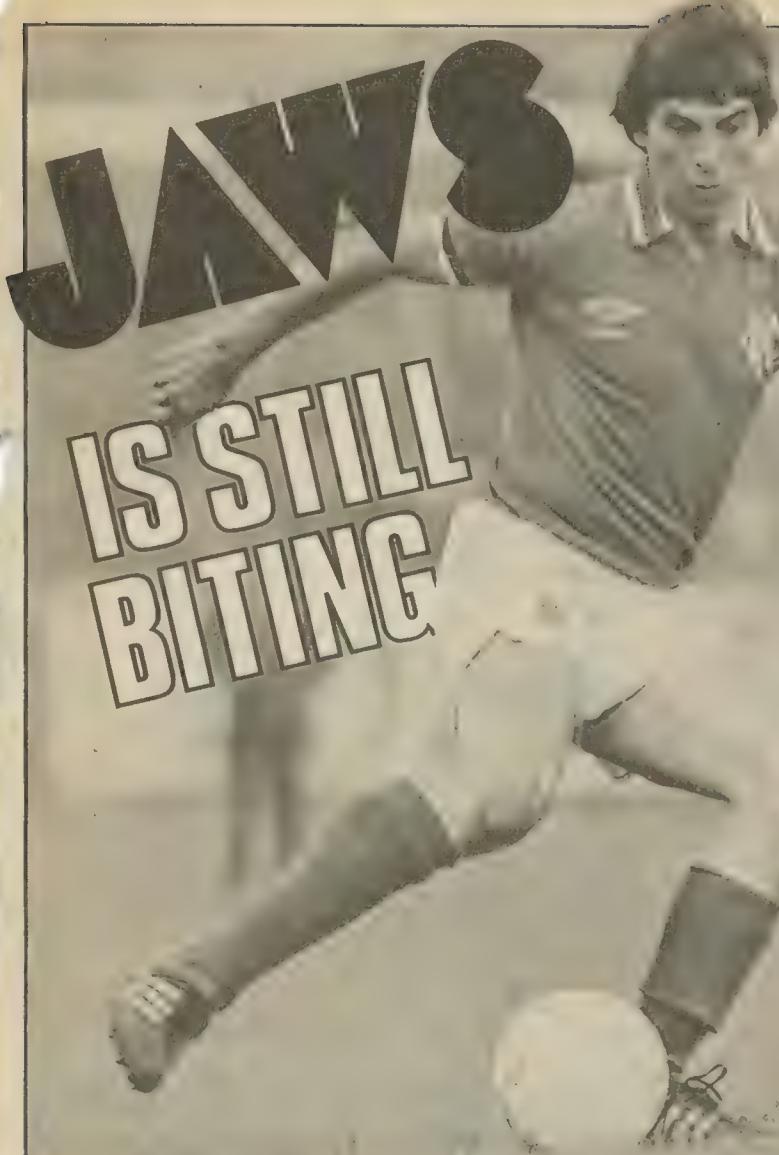
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JAWS IS STILL BITING

'JAWS' was growling defiantly and no one was in a rush to step up and argue the point.

Tom Forsyth (left), the 32-year-old iron man of the Rangers rear-guard, wasn't too happy with the critics who were

SHOOT once asked Forsyth to name his ideal player and all those years ago he didn't hesitate when he said: "It's got to be Rangers' John Greig."

"He typifies everything I like in the game. He plays with enthusiasm and determination and never admits defeat."

"I would like to earn a reputation like John Greig. I wonder if it will ever happen?"

Now Forsyth is showing some of John Greig's old verve and courage in the face of mounting criticism and he refuses to admit defeat.

being too swift in writing off the Ibrox side's chances for the season.

He recalls a time not that long ago when 'the people in the know' were saying his career was finished after a serious injury three years ago against Arbroath that resulted in blood clotting in the thigh.

"I came back from that," says Forsyth, bought almost a decade ago for only £40,000 from Motherwell by Jock Wallace.

"And then I had to undergo two cartilage operations on my right knee and again I heard the rumours.

"I was determined to come back... and here I am. I'm just as confident that the team can recover from some of the bad results that have come their way this season.

"It took hard work on my part to get over my injuries. That same hard work will help the team get back on the rails."

Forsyth — 'Jaws' to everyone at Ibrox — is one of the old guard at Ibrox, but he isn't quite ready to be farmed out to graze just yet.

Even before he joined Rangers,

"I have been pleased by Tom Forsyth's form this season," says Ibrox boss Greig. "He's been doing his job well and I've no complaints.

"If he continues to play in such a manner his name will be one of the first I will pencil in for match day. Okay, he may be over 30, but I played when I was passed that age and I always knew I would realise when the playing side of things were getting too much for me.

Dedicated

"Tom Forsyth plays with his heart as well as his head. He is dedicated to this club and is performing as well as ever."

The former Scotland international defender has remained a mainstay in the Ibrox first team.

"We've had bad results in the past and come back from them," says Forsyth. "We will do so again."

"What we want is for the fans to get right behind and give us their support during this crucial period."

'Jaws' is still roaring... and with this sort of wholehearted individual within the ranks Rangers will surely recover.

WHEN Willie Pettigrew was at the height of his fame and scoring plenty of goals for Motherwell six years ago scouts from clubs throughout Europe were flooding into Fir Park to watch the exciting striker.

Bayern Munich's assistant manager Werner Olk was "very impressed" at one stage after

watching Pettigrew score two goals against Celtic at Parkhead.

On the other hand, Jackie Charlton, then in charge of Middlesbrough, didn't waste too much time on words when declared after a trip North: "He's not a player. I wouldn't have him in my team. It's

one thing to score goals in Scotland and another to score them in England."

Pettigrew was rarely out of the headlines. Managers just couldn't agree about his ability... or the lack of it

Now the slender, floppy-haired

down a Division, but he doesn't see it as a step backwards.

"I'm confident this move will work wonders with my career," he says. "It's just the transfer I need to give my game a boost."

"I enjoyed myself at Tannadice with a great bunch of lads. Dundee United are certainly a fine team, but I believe Hearts have the same potential with a bigger support to get into the Top Ten and make an impact."

Tannadice manager Jim McLean paid Motherwell £110,000, when he bought him and picked up an extra £10,000 when the marksman moved on to Tynecastle.

Clinched

Tony Ford was so anxious to land Pettigrew and team-mate Colin Addison that the deal was virtually clinched while United were in Monaco for their UEFA Cup-tie against the local side.

"I telephoned Jim McLean with my offer in the South of France," admits Ford. "I was eager to push the deal through as quickly as possible. So, one minute they were on European business and four days later they were playing in the First Division."

"But they both know they have joined a club with an ambition that mirrors their own. They have key roles to play in the future."

WILLIE'S RECORD SAYS IT ALL

hit-man is back in the news and, given yet another opportunity, he is ready to blast away at defences in the First Division after his £120,000 move from Dundee United to Hearts.

Tynecastle boss Tony Ford, an Englishman, has no doubts about the calibre of the Hearts club's highest-ever purchase.

"He is a genuine first class goal-scoring forward and I'm absolutely delighted to sign him for Hearts," says Ford.

"Willie Pettigrew has nothing to prove to anyone at Tynecastle... his record speaks volumes for his ability."

Pettigrew may have stepped



On the ball CROSSWORD

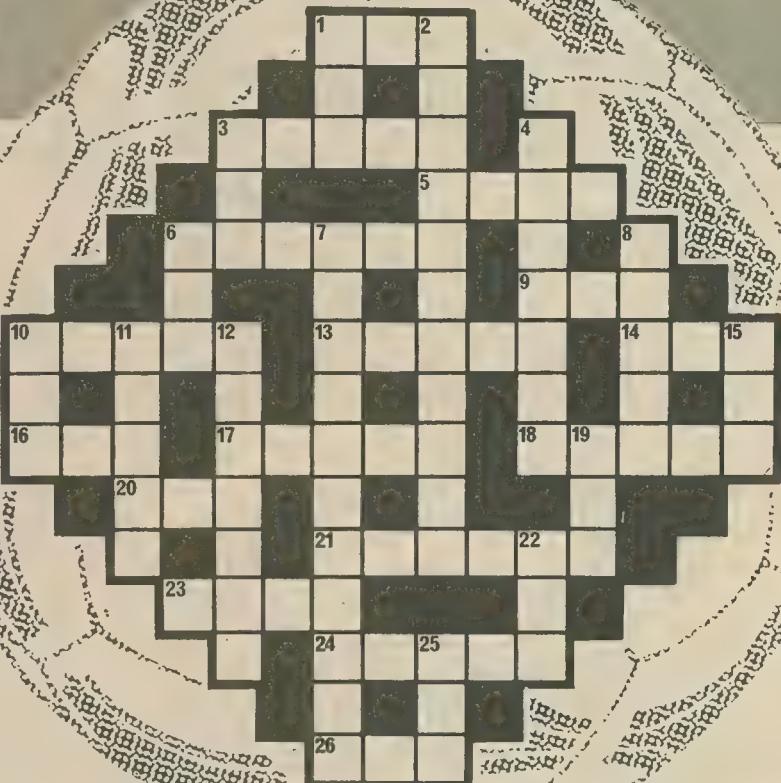
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- (1) Dundee United won the Scottish League — last season. (3)
- (3) Entry in account of sum owing. (5)
- (5) — Gates, Ipswich Town striker. (4)
- (6) Jimmy —, Aston Villa 'keeper. (6)
- (9) Michael Mc---thy of Barnsley. (3)
- (10) Of short duration. (5)
- (13) Stretch out hand, etc. (5)
- (14) Purpose. (3)
- (16) If Clyde, Kilmarnock & Celtic make "LIE"; what do Aberdeen, Motherwell & Falkirk make? (3)
- (17) A tree made from the initial letters of Preston, Stoke, Norwich, Exeter & Arsenal. (5)
- (18) The number of clubs in the English Football League whose names start with the letter "W". (5)
- (20) — Cantello, Bolton Wanderers midfield player. (3)
- (21) In a scoring position. (6)
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- (24) — Hutchison, Manchester City midfield player. (5)
- (26) Manchester United are nicknamed the — Devils. (3)

DOWN:-

- (1) Young animal from Millwall might make an appropriate mascot! (3)
- (2) Leeds United and England winger. (5&6)
- (3) Davies, Swansea 'keeper. (3)
- (4) Andy of Brighton or Tom of Sunderland. (7)
- (6) Regret. (3)
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- (8) — Johnston of Liverpool. (5)
- (10) — Latchford, Swansea City striker. (3)
- (11) Country of the famous club, Juventus. (5)
- (12) Gerry —, Queens Park Rangers midfield player. (7)
- (15) Confronted for a match. (3)
- (19) Cold winter hazard on the pitch. (3)
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WHEN I see the "Brian Clough For England" headlines I am not sure whether to laugh or cry. If the Forest boss ever took over as England manager I would be saying goodbye to my international career.

The evidence is on page 110 of Peter Taylor's book "Clough by Taylor." The book was last seen in a Swedish waste paper basket! I bought it at Heathrow before an England trip. I noticed there was an index at the back, looked at the W's and saw my name with page 110 as the reference.

It became obvious that the pair don't rate me too highly, so rather than carry such depressing reading around I ditched it!

I've never met Cloughie, but he is one of the 'new' breed of superstar managers who have come to the fore in recent years. Perhaps it's because we have fewer personality players these days. Or maybe the 'mega-managers' weren't around ten years ago.

Whatever, managers are making the headlines more and more these days, especially in Manchester, where either John Bond or Ron Atkinson is on the back page every day of the local papers.

As a player I don't mind; it takes the pressure off us. It's certainly got the city buzzing again and even in soccer-mad Manchester the game still has to be sold, more than ever in these days of recession.

Managers were given a platform

motivating than anything else last season. He also impressed me with his acquisition of Tommy Hutchison, Gerry Gow and Bobby McDonald a year ago, the right players at the right time.

Last season City tended to run opponents off the park rather than outplay them. Teams have become wise to this and City have had to change their style a little. I reckon they'll do quite well this time round, but I'll be surprised if any honours go to Maine Road.

I didn't really know Ron Atkinson before he arrived at Old Trafford and I don't know him that much more now as a person. As a manager he's doing a great job and even in three months has made me a better player.



RAY WILKINS
Writes for you

On the ball against Brazil (right), but Brian Clough and Peter Taylor (below) would put a stop to that!

'CLOUGH WOULD KILL MY ENGLAND CAREER'

with the advent of the so-called panels of experts. Some have taken full advantage of this exposure to become television personalities.

I don't mind these panels. I think fans like to know if a knowledgeable soccer person agrees with their views, although it isn't so good when you hear yourself being criticised.

Still, the managers are only voicing their opinions and they're entitled to do that . . . even in front of millions of viewers. The shame is players can't defend themselves.

I don't know John Bond, who once called me "Square Balls Wilkins," a reference to the number of crossfield passes he thought I was making. He's done a terrific job at City, though. I think they reached Wembley more by his powers of

His main strength is the way he gets players playing to their maximum all the time. He's made every member of the squad aware that no position is safe and the arrival of Remi Moses and Bryan Robson has certainly given me the kick up the backside I needed.

I wasn't sure who he'd drop, but I didn't think it would be Steve Coppell. It really wouldn't surprise me if Bryan Robson was left out,



Ron Atkinson is that kind of manager, always keeping his players on their toes.

The presence of Bryan in the side has helped me. Previously I was the anchor man in midfield, but with Bryan around I can go forward more often while he stays back to 'hold' the midfield.

I've been happy with our recent form and I think teams fear coming to Old Trafford once again.

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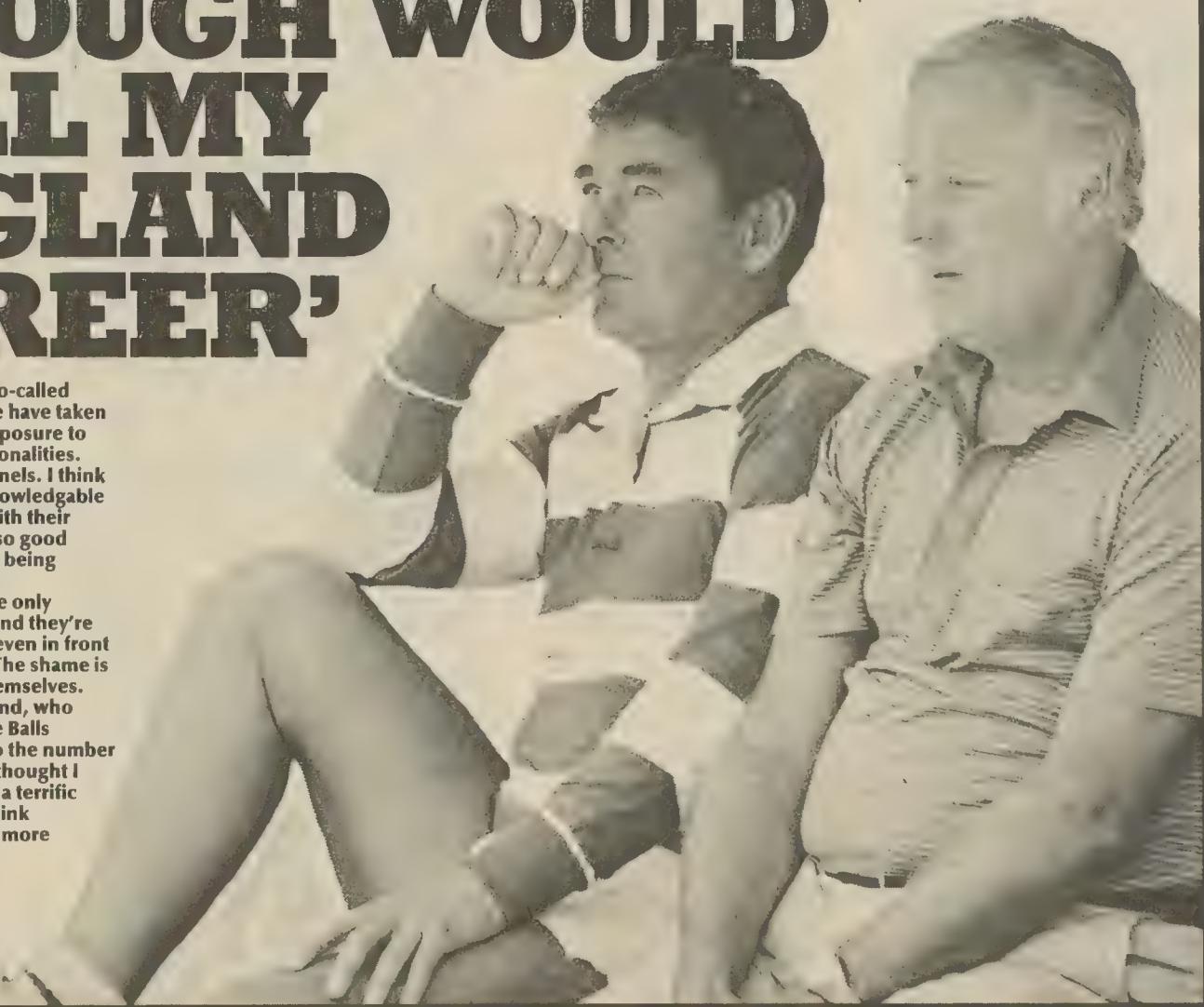
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County will be lifted by the occasion, but in the end they may lack the necessary experience.

Join me again in a fortnight when I'll be previewing our vital World Cup tie against Hungary at Wembley.

Raymond W



MULLERY'S A MARVEL

TERRY Naylor had a message for his Charlton team-mates when he heard that Alan Mullery was moving in as manager at The Valley.

"Do the business for him and you won't have a thing to worry about. Try to cheat him and he'll cut your throat," he told them.

Nobody welcomed Mullery's arrival more than the 31-year-old Naylor — who joined Charlton 11 months ago after spending 12 years at Tottenham.

He played in the same Spurs team as Mullery. That's where he became acquainted with the qualities he feels will do so much for Charlton.

"The thing I like most about Alan is that you know exactly where you stand with him. If you give him what he wants he will do anything in the world for you.

"Try to put one over on him and you'll be out of the door so fast you'll wonder what hit you," says Naylor.

"Ever since I've known Mullers he has wanted to be a winner. And

CLIVE Woods reckons he enjoys playing football more this season than at any time in his career.

The 32-year-old Norwich City winger or midfield player was given a free transfer at the end of last term and had the chance of playing in Holland, but has since made a return to the side which has convinced him that he can re-establish himself in this country.

Says Woods: "Gaining a place in the line-up for the first time in a year was a great boost to me. And if I can stay in the team for the season I'll be hoping to negotiate a new contract — so I've everything to play for during the next few months.

"The Dutch club Groningen were interested in me, but after going over to Holland for talks I decided against a move. My family are settled in Norwich, as I am, and also, the move abroad wouldn't have been a good one for me financially."

Woods, who was born in Norwich, made his reputation with Ipswich, whom he joined in May, 1968. Following his League debut against Newcastle in December,

John Robertson and Tony Morley are two outstanding examples of players who can move up the wing and create havoc among defenders.

"Robertson has been a key man in Nottingham Forest's run of success in recent years — his team-mates see to it that he receives plenty of the ball and the rest is up to him.

"Not that it's easy for a winger. If he is good he becomes a marked man, and beating a class full-back can be difficult. I remember that Paul Reaney of Leeds, whom I rate as one of the greatest, was a defender who gave little away. But wingers will continue to be necessary in the game."

Certainly, Woods has proved his worth in his 12 years in football. He played a leading part in the upset win by Ipswich against Arsenal in the 1978 F.A. Cup Final, and was a regular member of Town's Championship-chasing teams of the 70's.

He says: "I have no regrets at anything in my life in soccer. And this season I could have something to celebrate. Norwich will be aiming for the top."

'Not wanted' Woods back in favour

1969, he made over 250 appearances for Town before realising a long-standing ambition — to play for his home-town team, Norwich. He signed for the Carrow Road outfit in March, 1980.

But the longed-for move didn't work out as expected. Clive appeared for Norwich in the last 11 games of the season, then in the succeeding term was dropped and received an injury when playing for the reserves which put him on the sidelines for weeks.

Now, after his early season comeback in which Woods helped Norwich to pick up 16 points in ten matches, he believes he can play his part in helping the club to gain promotion.

'Stronger'

"Of course, the Second Division is different to the First. In the top flight, players are often allowed to get near the opposing penalty-area, but in Division Two the marking is tighter outside the box and the tackling is stronger.

"The teams relegated from the First Division must adjust to this, which I am sure they will do. And I expect that the clubs who came down with Norwich — Leicester and Crystal Palace — will finish among the leaders.

"But the Second Division Championship is wide open — there is no West Ham this season to walk away with the title."

Although Woods himself is not playing as an out-and-out wingman these days with Norwich, he is adamant that men operating on the flanks will always be in demand.



Terry Naylor

he wants the same around him. As far as he is concerned anyone who has not got that attitude can go and get a living somewhere else.

"Mullers is a very confident character and transmits that to his players. He makes you feel that you are the only one that matters.

"I'm convinced his arrival at Charlton is the greatest thing that has ever happened to this club. It's certainly great for me.

"You can't beat playing for a boss who recognises honesty in his players. And that's one thing I have always had."



"I'm not exactly the most gifted footballer the game has ever seen. I was not blessed with special talent and have always had to work hard at things to make up for it.

"But I've always been prepared to do that. Training has never been a bind to me — and I still love it.

"Once players reach the age of 30 people automatically seem to assume they are over the top.

"As far as I'm concerned that's a load of nonsense. I feel as good now as I ever have and believe I can go on for a few years yet.

"I've always looked after myself and kept myself in good condition. I'm as quick and sharp as I ever was — as some wingers have been finding out.

"A few of them have been wanting to run me this season — obviously believing I have lost some of my pace. They have soon found out how wrong they are.

"I thought my days in the big time were over when I left Tottenham to come to Charlton. Now that Alan Mullery has arrived I'm not so sure.

'Brave Man'

"He wants promotion badly — and it would be a brave man who backed against him getting it. After all he did it twice at Brighton, and has got quite used to it.

"And the belief he instils into his players has got them believing that anything is possible — although it may take a while.

"Don't forget we have more or less a new team at Charlton. Mullers introduced six new players when he took over — and they will take time to blend together.

"But it's getting better all the time. The improvement from the pre-season friendlies to the first half-dozen matches of the season was quite remarkable.

"If we keep getting better at the rate we have been anything is possible."

That's great news for Charlton fans, who have spent many bleak years now with nothing to get excited about.

It is clear that at last down in The Valley something stirs. Mullery was determined that would happen the minute he moved in.

With a great old pro like Terry Naylor to help it looks as though things could be quite interesting at that corner of South-East London from now on.

GOLDEN OLDIES

Past 30~but not past it!

MORE than a few eyebrows were raised when George Best got us all excited by dropping the hint that he might return to the Football League at the ripe old age of 35.

But why? Looking around the four Divisions it is painfully obvious that some of the most skilful players on parade every Saturday are the ones ungraciously referred to as "veterans."

Just look at the scoring lists of clubs in the first few weeks of the season.

Derby County's top goalscorer is a young man by the name of Kevin Hector.

Kevin is 37, and it's 19 years since he made his League debut for the now defunct Bradford (Park Avenue) when they were in the Third Division.

Kevin, who scored his 200th goal for Derby in their League Cup-tie at home to West Ham, has just been switched back to a striking role from midfield, testimony indeed to his razor-like reflexes, when you consider he can give 20 years to most of the other strikers at the Baseball Ground.

Headlines

Hector scored twice against Queens Park Rangers this season, his first goal coming after just 14 seconds — and he wasn't the only old-timer in the headlines.

The unanimously agreed star turn of Arsenal's otherwise deadly dull scoreless draw with Manchester United at Highbury was the evergreen John Hollins.

It was Hollins who said after the match, which had been watched by George Best: "He hasn't much time if he's going to make a comeback, but I still don't see anything to stop him. George has all the skills and more, and given time to get match fit, I'm sure he could do it."

Hollins has certainly proved that theory in his London-based career with Chelsea, QPR and Arsenal, and he certainly looks good for a year or two yet.

In the close-season Leeds United paid nearly a million pounds to acquire one of the most exciting talents in the game — Peter Barnes. Yet on his first two appearances at Elland Road, Barnes was upstaged by the oldest player on the pitch — another winger Eddie Gray.

It is one of the greatest tragedies of the past decade that Gray did not perform often enough on an international stage. Nevertheless it is astonishing that a man who disappeared even from the club scene for over two years because of a recurring thigh injury, should

still be around, when many of his younger and fitter playing partners down the years have long since hung up their boots.

Eddie Gray is still one of the most graceful and gifted footballers in the game despite having passed the 30 mark years ago.

Not far from Leeds there's a player who has caused something of a stir with his form in the Fourth Division.

It somehow sounds strange referring to Roy McFarland as a Fourth Division player. England have never had a more polished centre-half and even today McFarland is often the best defensive player in the country.

The man Brian Clough moulded into the best in the business as Derby County's number five, has gone into the player-management business, of course, with Bradford City, hence his recent appearances



Arsenal's John Hollins (above) and Kevin Hector (right) of Derby County are still worth their places in the Football League.

at soccer outposts like Hull and Hereford.

And at the age of 33, McFarland has performed so well in a strange Division, that his chairman Bob Martin, says: "I've never seen a better player. It's incredible to think that we — Bradford City of the Fourth Division — have the best centre-half in the country playing for us."

It's not just in defence that the golden oldies continue to prosper. Two of the lower Divisions' leading goalscorers are men who have, as they say, been around.

Carlisle's Bob Stokoe pulled off a shrewd business deal last term, when he went back to his old club Sunderland for Bryan Robson, who was ultimately to become his assistant.

Robson knows a thing or two

when it comes to goalscoring and he's already proved as deadly as ever in front of goal.

And Sheffield United are building their bid to get out of the Fourth Division at the first attempt, around the equally deadly skills of Bob Hatton.

With a string of clubs as long as your arm trailing behind him Bob is amongst the most travelled men in football, but he has never lost his appetite for the game — or his aplomb.

At present nearing 200 League goals Bob has got off the mark well in the Fourth Division, and will inevitably end the season with another 20 goals to his credit.

The man who clocked up more appearances than anyone is Chester player-manager Alan Oakes.

Alan is on the way to being the first man to play in 1,000 League and Cup matches if he can get through this season and next without any lay-offs. He began the current campaign with over 900 matches to his name, 751 of them in the Football League.

There may be some exciting young players around but the experienced stars can still teach them a thing or two, and isn't it a good job for the game that there are players like them who seem to go on forever?

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IT hasn't taken Alan Greenwood long to recognise that now he's more than 300 miles from London, he won't be seeing too much of Ron Greenwood.

The Sunderland manager made the point in a recent issue of SHOOT when he said that the England supremo has tended to show a definite bias towards players with London clubs.

But is that true?

For his first game in charge, against Switzerland at Wembley in September, 1977, Greenwood chose no fewer than ten of his team from Northern clubs. The sole exception was Birmingham's Trevor Francis, while Chelsea's Ray Wilkins came on as substitute.

The vast majority of those players came from the European Champions Liverpool, but Manchester United have also contributed more than their share under Greenwood.

But just how closely has Greenwood looked at the outstanding talents at other Northern clubs?

Boast

At Manchester City Joe Corrigan and Kevin Reeves are the only players to be capped by Greenwood. Everton have had just Bob Latchford, while Leeds have been able to boast Trevor Cherry, Brian Greenhoff and Tony Currie.

Which leaves just one other player from the North; David Armstrong, who played in the token friendly against Australia when with Middlesbrough.

Now that Armstrong has moved down to Southampton many will reckon he has greatly improved his chances of furthering his international career.

Armstrong teams up at The Dell with Kevin Keegan and Dave Watson, both regulars during Greenwood's reign.

At Ipswich, no fewer than five of their seven English regulars have won full caps for England, thanks perhaps to the presence of manager Bobby Robson among

Greenwood's Southern bias

Greenwood's back up team.

But in London, the so-called bias is not so strong.

Tottenham can boast only Glenn Hoddle and Ray Clemence as having worn the white of England, while nearby Arsenal have just Kenny Sansom and Graham Rix.

Perhaps a stronger case can be found when examining Greenwood's leanings towards his former club West Ham.

There can be no doubting the worthiness of midfield stalwart Trevor Brooking, but can the England boss support his right to select Frank Lampard, Alan Devonshire and Alvin Martin quite so strongly?

At a time when Sunderland fans were pressing the name of blond central defender Shaun Elliott, and Sheffield Wednesday regulars were equally confident of the future of Mark Smith, Greenwood showed no hesitation in selecting Martin for the prestige international against Brazil and the British Championship.

Perhaps Martin has benefited from playing for a team based so closely to Fleet Street. Although Greenwood would deny he selects his teams to suit the Press, there can be little doubt that the power of the daily newspapers has had a bearing on those who are lucky enough to gain recognition.

When Dave Watson was struggling his way through a sticky patch, there was no more consistent centre-half in the country than Leeds United's tower of strength Paul Hart.



IT'S 'TRUE'!

After the arrival of Allan Clarke the Yorkshire club's priority was to stiffen their defence, and they did just that thanks to the fine form of Hart and his defensive partner and Greenwood discard Trevor Cherry. Leeds kept 20 blank sheets in all



David Armstrong (white shirt) may have enhanced his England chances by moving South.

Sheun Elliott

last season, yet outside of Yorkshire the name of Hart was barely whispered.

That was rough luck on a wholehearted player, who must have been bitterly disappointed when he heard that the relatively inexperienced Martin had been called up for duty.

If Greenwood was looking for a younger successor to Watson than Hart, he could certainly have done worse than give the job to Sunderland's Shaun Elliott.

Another central defender who might just have sneaked into Greenwood's planning if he'd been born within the sound of Bow Bells is Mark Smith, Sheffield Wednesday's 20-year-old captain.

In recent weeks even George Kerr, the Grimsby boss, and Barnsley manager Norman Hunter have joined the 'Greenwood's prejudiced' brigade.

Clearly many managers feel that they are not getting a fair crack of the whip when it comes to helping their stars to gain England caps.

Greenwood, however, would never deliberately exclude a player's right to perform for his country simply on the basis of his club's geographical position.

Indication

Perhaps the structure of his international team of managers and coaches gives a greater indication as to why so many of the top Northern lads seem to get overlooked.

Bobby Robson, Terry Venables, Don Howe and Geoff Hurst are all involved exclusively with Southern clubs. Dave Sexton, the former Chelsea and Q.P.R. boss, is now in the Midlands with Coventry. Only coach Bill Taylor, assistant manager with Second Division Oldham, has an everyday working relationship with a Northern team.

The message, then, is clear. Greenwood must stop relying almost exclusively on Southern bosses and coaches for advice about the up and coming stars of English football.



Sheffield Wednesday skipper Mark Smith (left).

BATTING RIOCH

FOUR years ago, Scotland were on their way to the World Cup Finals and Bruce Rioch was the skipper preparing to lead them to Argentina: today he is at the other end of the football scale — rolling up his sleeves and battling for the future of Torquay United.



Garry Pendrey was signed from West Bromwich Albion.

"I've always been that kind of person. It is part of my make up," says the 24 times capped midfielder of Scotland, Aston Villa, Luton Town, Derby County and Everton. Now, from the heights of international football and the First Division, he is player-coach at Plainmoor.

Working in partnership with Frank O'Farrell, Rioch has to steer Torquay along the same route to prosperity so brilliantly created under Len Ashurst at Newport County. Just as the Welsh club once seemed beset by financial desperation, so Torquay fight for survival.

"Frank and I are doing everything we can to make the people of Torquay football-aware," says Rioch. "We make appeals on local radio, in the newspapers that cover our area of Devon ... anywhere to get people into the habit of watching football.

"We have all seen what has happened in places like Accrington, Gateshead, Workington, Barrow. Once they were place names recognised everywhere because they had teams in the Football League. Now they are gone and their names are heard no longer.

Clubs up and down the country will be watching closely to see how Rioch fares in his first player-coach role. A stylish player on the pitch and an articulate personality off it.

"All I know now is that I thoroughly enjoy the job," says Rioch. "It is harder and more difficult than being just a player.

"I like working with players in particular. I've found Torquay's anxious to learn. They want to improve and I think our start to the season shows just how hard they have been trying — to win six of our first seven League games was a very welcome boost although we lost our next three.

'Improve'

"I'm lucky to have a man like Frank O'Farrell behind me. Between us, we are looking to improve Torquay's players. Most of them have played in the Third and Fourth Divisions — although it did us a lot of good in this respect to sign Garry Pendrey and Tony Brown from West Bromwich Albion."

But why did Rioch decide to start on the bottom rung? "Because it is the only place to begin. People may remember me for Derby, Everton and Villa — but I launched my career at Luton in the Fourth Division.

"The lower echelons of the



game give you the background to make a success of your life when the big clubs come in. Look at managers like Ron Saunders, Lawrie McMenemy and Ron Atkinson, now three of the best in the game.

"They all started with non-League or Third or Fourth Division clubs. They got to know their job from the grass roots and that gave them the knowledge to handle the clubs they run today."

Rioch makes no secret of his ambitions. He went to Seattle Sounders with a firm agreement that they would allow him to return to English football where he sees his future. Although he goes no further than describing his obligations at Torquay as "a happy arrangement", it is certain that he is not bound too tightly by the battling West Country club.

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A GOOD many people were prepared to write-off Nottingham Forest this season after Kenny Burns' shunt up north to Leeds United. First Trevor Francis, then Burns . . . the loss of two such outstanding players in the space of a few weeks was more than some supporters could bear.

But not for the first time under magical Mr Clough are Forest defying the critics to tuck in nicely behind the pacemakers at the top of the First Division.

You could say we're poised to give Swansea, Tottenham and Ipswich the fright of their lives — and

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

we're not even performing properly yet.

Brian Clough and Peter Taylor remain far from satisfied with our performances, and are expected to strengthen the squad. The players themselves are in no doubt that much has to be done before we produce the fluent, match-winning soccer that gave Forest the First Division title in 1977-78, the League Cup trophy in the same season, and the European Cup in the following two seasons.

Our trouble is that we are making hard work of everything, often trailing a goal down before we start to find our form. It happened again against Coventry before Ian Wallace, in sparkling form, rattled in two goals to lift us to fourth place in the table.

Fortunately for us Ian has been in tremendous form, bubbling with confidence and smashing goals galore whilst producing the best form of his career. It's no secret that he felt a bit low before the goals started flowing this season.

A hat-trick against Birmingham at St. Andrews, the first goal against Sunderland, another three days later against Brighton, two against Birmingham in the League Cup, and two against Coventry to testify to Ian's killer instinct at the moment.

But it's no good banging goals in one end if you give them away at the other. Since conceding four to Birmingham in early September, we've tightened-up. Peter Shilton is a brick-wall behind a defence that is playing with more confidence than ever.

I certainly wouldn't want to pit my strike power against central defenders as strong as the "Pig Farmer" and Einer Aas (I pronounce it orse).

Why Dave Needham has been

given such an agricultural title is beyond me, but the two of them combine as a formidable unit, with my mate Viv Anderson and Bryn Gunn filling the full-back spots to give wingers nightmares if they venture into their half of the field.

Nottingham Forest has traditionally been strong in midfield since Brian Clough and Peter Taylor arrived. This season's midfield shows signs of blossoming in the way McGovern, O'Neill, Bowyer, and Robertson did to the undisguised delight of the Forest fans a few seasons back.

Is "Border" McGovern as good as ever? The question is often asked. I reckon he's magic. One of the best

floor, is a marvellous acquisition from Middlesbrough. No wonder the Ayresome Park fans were sorry to see him go.

I remember transfer talk haunting my last two seasons at Norwich. It unsettled me, so I find it quite amazing how "Robbo" can produce such wonderful form week after week.

Nobody wants John to leave Forest and it's a tribute to his professionalism that he can put his problems on the shelf on match days and get on with a job.

My contribution is not worthy of too much discussion. I was fairly happy with my form until the Coventry game. I was diabolical in the first half, finding my feet a bit better after the interval but without producing the thrust I can.

I'm sharpening-up for Saturdays by playing for an exclusive team called the "Jocks and Blacks", a combination of Forest's Scottish and coloured gentlemen, who like

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'Wizard Wallace cheers Forest'

pros I've met. I can only believe John got that nickname because he's bordering on genius.

Stuart "Kermit" Gray, Mark "Noddy" Proctor, and John Robertson complete an exciting midfield whose skill is to supply a steady stream of passes for Wallace and I.

"Noddy", an affectionate nickname to describe Mark's rhythmic head movements on the dance

nothing better than to belt the daylights out of the English at the training ground.

The spirit and friendship in these games is a tribute to the friendly atmosphere Brian Clough insists upon at the club.

Much of the credit for Forest's fitness this season must go to Ronnie Fenton, a coach who works you hard with a smile on his face. The deadly serious business of training is efficient but fun with Ronnie.

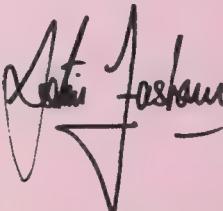
Theory

One man I'm steering clear of at Forest is Tony Verity. I never want to see him. He runs the physiotherapy unit and it's my theory that you can develop a habit of visiting such men once you start. I'm told he's brilliant at his job.

If you discovered to your horror that you had climbed aboard the team coach without wearing your trousers or desperately needed transport to make an appointment in a life and death situation, Albert's your man.

Albert is the team coach driver, a James Hunt behind the steering wheel who will always help you out if you're in difficulties.

From Brian Clough and Peter Taylor to Albert and me, we're all trying to bring success to Forest. I'm confident our dreams will come true.



John Robertson (right) wants to leave Forest, but continues to create the chances for Justin and Ian Wallace (above).



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BACK ROW (left to right): Bryn Gunn, David Needham, Ian Wallace, Mark Proctor, Justin Fashanu, Peter Shilton, Viv Anderson.

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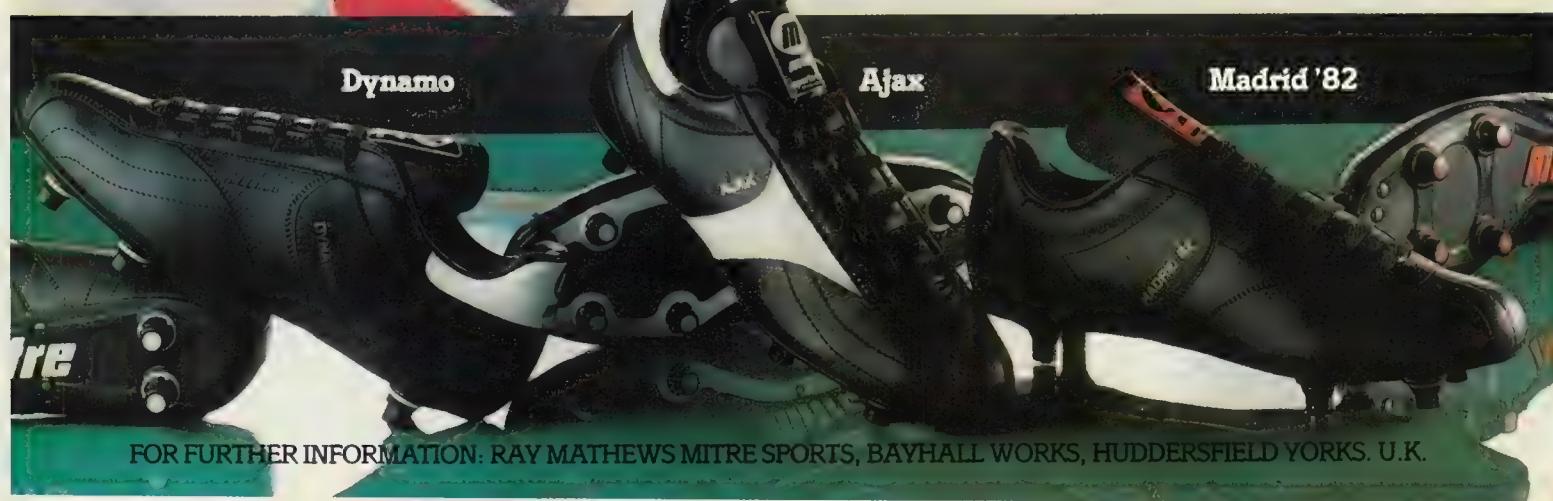


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Sunday, October 4

Fourth Division

ROCHDALE 0	
ALDERSHOT 0	1,821

Monday, October 5

League Cup

(Second Round, first-leg)

TRANMERE (2) 2 (Brown 2)	
PORT VALE (0) 0	2,711

Tuesday, October 6

League Cup

(Second Round, first leg)

ALDERSHOT (2) 2 (Lucas, Robinson)	
WIGAN (1) 2 (Barrow 2)	1,960

BARNESLEY (0) 2 (Riley, Evans)	
SWANSEA (0) 0	12,793

BIRMINGHAM (1) 2 (Whatmore, Worthington)	
NOTTM FOREST (2) 3 (Wallace 2, Proctor)	14,330

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 1 (Stephens)	
NORTHAMPTON (1) 2 (Phillips, Sandy)	4,476

CARLISLE 0	
BRISTOL CITY 0	4,111

COLCHESTER (1) 3 (Cook, Adcock, McDonough)	
CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Gibbins)	3,844

DONCASTER (1) 1 (Mell)	
C. PALACE (0) 0	7,783

EVERTON (0) 1 (Ferguson)	
COVENTRY (0) 1 (Hateley)	17,228

GRIMSBY (0) 1 (Moore (K))	
WATFORD (0) 0	7,044

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 (Austin)	
BRIGHTON (0) 0	9,803

LUTON (0) 0	
WREXHAM (2) 2 (Vinter, Hunt)	6,146

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 2 (Ashcroft, Thomson)	
PLYMOUTH (1) 1 (Kemp)	8,201



Bobby Thomson (Boro).

MILLWALL (0) 3 (Horrix 2, Dibble)	
OXFORD (1) 3 (Cassells 2 (1 pen), Thomas)	3,744

OLDHAM (1) 1 (Palmer)	
NEWPORT (0) 0	5,075

PRESTON (1) 1 (Bruce)	
LEICESTER (0) 0	5,382

Q.P.R. (1) 5 (Gregory 2, Mickelwhite 2, Ellis (o.g.))	
PORTSMOUTH (0) 0	13,502

SHEFF UTD (0) 1 (Hatton)	10,119
ARSENAL (0) 0	

SHERESBURY (0) 3 (Atkins pen, Biggins, McLaren)	
WEST BROM (3) 3 (Regis, Mackenzie, Cross)	9,291

Fourth Division

YORK (2) 2 (McDonald, Walwyn)	
DARLINGTON (1) 2 (Walsh, McLean)	2,367

Saturday, October 10

First Division

BIRMINGHAM (0) 4 (Worthington 2, Whatmore 2)	
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0	16,938
Birmingham: Weelands, Langan, Dennis, Dillon, Broadhurst, Todd, Brocken, Whatmore, Worthington, Gemmill, Van Mierlo.	

Southampton: Wells, Golec, Holmes (Pucket), Baker, Watson, Waldron, Keegan, Channon, Moran, Armstrong, Bell.	
COVENTRY (1) 1 (Hateley)	
ASTON VILLA (1) 1 (Shaw)	16,306

CHELSEA (0) 1 (Fillery)	
WOLVES (0) 0	20,498
Ipswich: Cooper, Mills, McCall, Thijssen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhran, Mariner, O'Callaghan, Gates, Welles: Bradshaw, Palmer, Atkinson, Gallagher, Villazan, Hibbit, Clark, Gray, Bell, Matthews (Brazier).	

BLACKBURN (0) 3 (Rush 2, Cherry (o.g.))	
LEEDS (0) 0	35,840
Liverpool: Grobbaal, Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Lawrence, Kennedy (R), Dalglish, Lee, Rush, McDermott, Souness.	

LEEDS (0) 0	
WREXHAM (0) 0	14,170
Chelsea: Borote, Locke, Hutchings, Viljoen, Pates, Chivers, Rhoades-Brown, Britton, Lee, Mayes, Fillery. Wrexham: Niedzwiecki, Jones, Bater, Dowman, Cegielski, Hunt, Fox (Ronson), McNeil, Edwards, Vinter, Carrodus.	

C. PALACE (0) 3 (Smailie, Brooks, Langley)	
ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (Cannon (o.g.))	8,021
C. Palace: Barron, Bason, Lovell, Murphy, Cannon, Gilbert, Brooks, Smailie, Hughes, Langley, Leahy (Walsh).	

Rotherham: Mountford, Forrest, Breckin, Rhodes, Stanchfield, Green, Townner, Gooding (Seasman), Moore, Alexander, Henson.	
GRIMSBY (0) 1 (Ford)	
CAMBRIDGE (1) 2 (Mayo, Streete)	7,450

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CAMBRIDGE (1) 2 (Mayo, Streete)	7,450
Grimsby: Batch, Moore (D), Crombie, Waters, Czuczman, Moore (K), Broly, Whymark, Drinkell (Ford), Mitchell, Cumming.	

CAMBRIDGE (1) 2 (Mayo, Streete)	
Derby: Webster, Donaldson, Murray, Reilly, Fallon, Finney, Christie, Spriggs, Streete, Gibbons, Mayo.	
Cambridge: Webster, Donaldson, Murray, Reilly, Fallon, Finney, Christie, Spriggs, Streete, Gibbons, Mayo.	

SWANSEA (1) 2 (James (L), Thompson)	
ARSENAL (0) 0	10,683
Swansea: Davies, Robinson, Hadzibabic, Rajkovic, Irwin, Mahoney, Curtis, James (R), James (L), Thompson, Latchford (Charles).	

ARSENAL (0) 0	
TOTTENHAM (0) 2 (Rowell pen, Ritchie)	20,600
Rangers: Stewart, Jardine, Dawson, Stevens, Forsyth, Bett, Cooper, Russell, McAdam, McDonald, Johnston, McGhee, Hewitt, Weir.	

TOTTENHAM (0) 2 (Rowell pen, Ritchie)	
ROTHERHAM (0) 0	30,520
Tottenham: Jennings, Devine, Sansom, Talbot, O'Leary, Young, Davies, Sunderland, Hawley, Nicholas, Hollins.	

ROTHERHAM (0) 0	
STOKE (0) 0	30,520
Tottenham: Clemente, Hughton, Miller, Roberts, Villa (Hazard), Perryman, Ardiles, Archibald, Galvin, Hodde, Crooks.	

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NO HOPERS!

EARLY-SEASON is notoriously an unreliable guide to what may have happened by the end of the campaign quite a few months later.

Take Carlisle, in 1974-75, in their one-and-only season in the First Division.

Winning their opening three games — two of them away — they happily topped the table after a handful of games.

Yet, after 18 matches, they were down to 21st place; never again rose above 20th — and finished bottom with a mere 29 points, four fewer than their nearest rivals.

Carlisle's gallant, if brief, flirtation with fame was probably a one-off in terms of drama — but nonetheless strange things can, and do, happen.

After eight League games this term, Ipswich topped the table. A couple of seasons back, at the same stage, they were in 14th place — and, throughout November and into December, never climbed above 20th.

Challenged

And yet, in the long run, their form so remarkably transformed itself that they seriously challenged for the title — finishing-up a creditable third.

Last season, they went one better — into the runners-up spot. But then, in contrast, they were there or thereabouts all through — never once dropping below third place.

Champions Villa were almost as consistent — never being out of the top two from mid-October onwards.

So there really is no consistent pattern of behaviour — with some

History is against Villa, Liverpool or Man. Utd. winning this term's title.



sides getting near the top early, and holding on; others coming up on the rails in the latter stages.

And this season — with the new, and much argued-about, three points for a win innovation — shifts in table positions are likely to be even rather more dramatic.

Three victories — or three defeats — on the trot can send a

size zooming up, or diving down, the table in a considerably more spectacular fashion.

For instance, new-boys Notts County — in the full flush of promotion excitement in reaching the First Division again after a gap of 55 years — were equal-top on points after three games ... but had slipped down to 14th place

after eight.

On the other hand, at the same juncture, big-spenders Manchester United were joint-bottom with only one point. After eight games, though, they had rapidly moved up to fourth, breathing down the necks of leaders Ipswich.

But basically — despite unpredictable hiccups here-and-there — a good early start does normally serve a club well in later weeks.

In 1974-75, Derby were only tenth after eight games had been played — but, as the table shows, in recent seasons no other eventual Champions were "in double-figures" after that number of matches.

Worse off

In fact, only Liverpool — eighth in 1979-80 — have been that low at that stage. No other was below four.

Eight games this term — and mighty Liverpool were down at 13th ... and seven points behind leaders Ipswich.

Champions Villa were worse off still — four places, and two points, further adrift.

On past form ... that should mean they've had it!

But two very astute managers in Bob Paisley and Ron Saunders may well have other ideas about turning the past form-book upside-down — and no one would risk a very large bet ...

This table shows, over recent seasons, the position of the ultimate top three First Division clubs after their first eight League games.

	Top Three, and points, at end of season	Position, and points, after eight games
1972-73	1st — Liverpool (60) 4th (11) 2nd — Arsenal (57) 3rd (11) 3rd — Leeds (53) 6th (11)	
1973-74	1st — Leeds (62) 1st (15) 2nd — Liverpool (57) 8th (10) 3rd — Derby (48) 6th (10)	
1974-75	1st — Derby (53) 10th (8) 2nd — Liverpool (51) 2nd (13) 3rd — Ipswich (51) 1st (14)	
1975-76	1st — Liverpool (60) 4th (10) 2nd — Q.P.R. (59) 3rd (11) 3rd — Man. Utd. (56) 1st (13)	
1976-77	1st — Liverpool (57) 3rd (11) 2nd — Man. City (56) 2nd (11) 3rd — Ipswich (52) 8th (9)	
1977-78	1st — Forest (64) 2nd (13) 2nd — Liverpool (57) 4th (12) 3rd — Everton (55) 8th (9)	
1978-79	1st — Liverpool (68) 1st (15) 2nd — Forest (60) 6th (10) 3rd — West Brom (59) 3rd (11)	
1979-80	1st — Liverpool (60) 8th (9) 2nd — Man. Utd. (58) 2nd (12) 3rd — Ipswich (53) 14th (7)	
1980-81	1st — Villa (60) 4th (11) 2nd — Ipswich (56) 1st (15) 3rd — Arsenal (53) 8th (10)	

*1981-82 (after 8 games):
1st — Ipswich (17)
2nd — West Ham (16)
3rd — Swans (16)
(*3 points for a win)



McGRAIN'S DREAM

'A World win against



Kenny Dalglish scores a rare Scottish goal, against Israel.

Only two places to fill!

If you were asked to name the 22 players Ron Greenwood would choose for Spain, assuming England don't fall down at the final hurdle, you'd be hard pushed to list more than eight or nine certainties.

On the other hand, Jock Stein's Scotland squad is virtually complete. Bar injury and a sudden loss of form, we reckon that 20 players are either on the certs or probables list:

Rough, Thomson, Leighton.

McGrahan, Stewart, Miller, McLeish, Hansen, Burns, F. Gray.

Strachan, Souness, Wark, Hartford, Robertson.

A. Gray, Jordan, Archibald, Dalglish, Provan.

This leaves just TWO places for Stein to fill in, with perhaps Alan Brazil, Paul Sturrock and, as an outsider, Peter Weir the best bets.

Alan Rough, who has made a few English critics eat their words recently "compared favourably with Pat Jennings in Belfast," said Stein. 'Scruff' is coming up to his 50th cap and it was his vital save in the last minute against Northern Ireland

that ensured Scotland's qualification.

Danny McGrain was injured in 1978, but the Scotland captain is still the most complete full-back in Britain.

Frank Gray has made the left-back berth his own, while the central defensive partnership is likely to be big Alex McLeish and Alan Hansen.

Now that Gordon Strachan is fully fit again, Stein has plenty of options in midfield. He could opt for the powerful trio of Strachan, Hartford and Souness, with



Robertson as a deep-lying winger, or find room for the goal-drive of Wark.

It's in attack that Stein has yet to find the right combination. Dropping Kenny Dalglish would, in some eyes, be almost treasonous ... but it's a fact that the Liverpool man hasn't been finding the back of the net in the past year.

Joe Jordan's having a difficult time in Milan, with injuries and settling in. Andy Gray has had transfer troubles, John Robertson's been unsettled while Steve Archibald's season started late because of an ankle injury.

Scotland's team may not be settled, but the squad is and that's a big plus factor at this stage of the World Cup proceedings.



Alan Hansen & Billy Hamilton

WHAT I want to know is how can anyone bear to be an armchair football fan?

I sampled the so-called delights of watching the great game on the box and how I suffered. But then I doubt whether any of the millions who tuned in were as involved in Scotland's match with Northern Ireland in Belfast.

The World Cup qualifier was broadcast live in Scotland and because I missed out on the trip across the Irish Sea thanks to a hairline fracture in my leg, I was forced to watch the proceedings from the comfort of my own home.

It was a nightmare. I squirmed and turned in the seat trying to kick every ball with the lads and I have seldom been so keyed up about a match. I would rather play any day.

It all turned out well, of course, with Scotland getting the 0-0 draw needed to make us section winners and so romp through to the Spanish Finals.

But at times things got a little hairy at Windsor Park with Asa Hartford, who took over from me as captain, kicking one off the line as the Irish cavalry charge pushed forward.

Yet in the excitement manufactured by the Belfast crowd it was kind of overlooked that Scotland, too, made chances.

Stevie Archibald saw one very clever chip go just over and the same player somehow contrived to miss the ball from inches out after Kenny Dalglish had set up a great opportunity.

Yet I suppose Scotland's real hero of the night — apart, of course, from manager Jock Stein who has insisted all along that we would go to Spain on the overall performance from all the ties — was Alan Rough.

The Partick Thistle goalkeeper now has a legitimate claim to being the best in Britain, no matter what

TARTAN TALK

DANNY MCGRAIN

various TV critics in the South might say.

Alan is a smashing guy with nerves of steel who wouldn't panic in an earthquake.

He has played in all of Scotland's qualifying games and has lost only two goals. He has been consistent all down the line and out of this world when it really counted.

In Belfast, with only seconds on the clock, he clutched one out of the air at the near post with the pressure at boiling point. You would have thought it was the pre-match kick-in he did it so casually.

Unjustified

My admiration for the guy is unlimited for he has come through so much unjustified criticism from the English you might have thought that someone was actually organising a campaign.

And, remember, he performed as he did in Belfast at a time when his club, Partick Thistle, were trapped at the bottom of the Premier Division still looking for their first win.

Oh, what a lovely feeling to be a World Cup Finalist again.

That makes it three in a row for Scotland and the nice thing is that we may well be accompanied by our foes turned friends Northern Ireland, who need now only beat

19 players... 8 goals... 11 points

	Sweden (a)	Portugal (h)	Israel (a)	N. Ireland (h)	Israel (h)	Sweden (h)	N. Ireland (a)
ROUGH	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
McGRAIN	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
F. GRAY	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
MILLER	4		57	6			6
MCLEISH	5	6	5	5	5	5	5
HANSEN	6	5			6	6	5
STRACHAN	7	7					4
DALGLISH	8	8	8			8	7
A. GRAY	9	9	58	9		58	84
GEMMILL	10	10	10	10			
ROBERTSON	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
ARCHIBALD	88		9	8	8		9
SOUNESS		4	4		4		8
BURNS			6	4			
WARK			7	7		4	
HARTFORD				84	10	10	10
PROVAN					7	7	
JORDAN					9	9	
STEWART							2

Cup Final England'



Danny McGrain in action against England at Wembley.

Israel to be sure of a ticket to sun Spain.

England saw their W & the hopes chained up in their heads and dropped to the ground again. Thames before they will take Ron seem to be in Finals. All this above England have hardly a large of their own destiny, nevertheless, I welcome their company on the trip next summer. And that is simply because my dream World Cup Final is a win over England. Besides it will be a real novelty for the English to qualify for the Finals for the first time in 20 years!

Let's hope, too, that the outside bets of Eire and Wales come up as well to give the British Isles a full

use over there next summer. Me, while, I just hope I am injury free for it all, for this habit of missing Scotland World Cup games through various knocks is getting a bit annoying after my absence from the Argentina Finals and that Irish game.

But if I am out of action that television set is going out of the window!

See you in two weeks . . .



A pat on the back for Jock Stein in Belfast

'We've won nothing yet' — STEIN

HE reacted rather like a manager who had seen his team win a somewhat fortunate away point . . . which is exactly what had happened. The difference is this particular away point ensured Scotland's qualification for the third successive World Cup Finals.

Going over the top has never been Jock Stein's style, though. He allowed himself a smile and a wave for the loyal Tartan Army who, he says, would follow Scotland should they ever play an international on the moon.

Quote

But there was no "we're going to win the World Cup" quote. Because he knows that Scotland haven't won anything yet.

The first part of the job — qualifying — has been accomplished. Qualifying was achieved twice before this decade; in 1974 the Scots were possibly just a little too inexperienced at the highest level . . . four years later, in Argentina, things couldn't have been worse.

Stein will add a new dimension to the phrase "low key" as he plans Scotland's World Cup preparations. Any players who fancy a midnight giggle in a rowing boat, a drink after hours or taking anything stronger than a Smartie will have no place in Stein's squad.

He took Celtic to the top with a combination of discipline and common sense and the Big Man will follow this pattern with Scotland.

Qualification has always been on the cards since Scotland's opening tie, a victory in Sweden.

Possibly Scotland aren't over-entertaining. Certainly Stein must get his team scoring more regularly — eight goals in seven games is not as impressive as only two goals against.

Stein has a wealth of riches at his disposal. How about this for a team — Thomson; McGrain, McLeish, Burns, Kennedy; Wark, Narey; Provan, Jordan, Brazil, Weir.

Not one of those Scottish players played in Belfast, which underlines the strength in depth Stein has.

GROUP SIX

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	7	4	3	0	8	2	11
Sweden	8	3	2	3	7	8	8
N. Ireland	7	2	3	2	5	3	7
Portugal	6	2	1	3	5	6	5
Israel	6	0	3	3	2	8	3

Rough, Robbo and Gray top earners

ALAN Rough, John Robertson and Frank Gray will earn more than their colleagues for qualifying for Spain — probably around £10,000 each. The SFA's bonus system gives three points to players who play in a World Cup match, two points for being a sub and one for being in the squad. The aforementioned players have been ever-present.

There have been many rumours, but Scotland's 'home' for the initial matches in Spain won't be known until the draw on January 16th. There will be six countries

seeded in the opening groups — probably Brazil, Spain, Argentina, West Germany, Italy and Belgium. Scotland will be amongst the second grouping of six teams, as would England (if . . .) thus avoiding an England/Scotland clash — at this stage, anyway.

If you want a ticket for the Finals it could cost you up to £500! The only way to purchase World Cup tickets is through Sportsworld Travel, who have the concession. And no tickets are available unless you book a trip to Spain through them; the minimum is for 12 days

and that will leave you only a few pesetas change out of £500. If you're one of the lucky few who can afford the best, top price is £1,895 for four weeks in the best hotels. What it virtually means is that fans who want to make their own way to Spain — relatively easy and cheaper — could have problems obtaining match tickets.

Willie Ormond (1974) and Ally MacLeod (1978) led Scotland to World Cup Finals, but unlike Jock Stein, they weren't in charge for the entire qualifying period.



MOTHERWELL, lost in a maze of mistakes for the past three seasons, are now roaring back, inspired by former Scotland World Cup lionheart Davie Hay.

The promises are now buried in the past. The waiting game is over. The Fir Park men are determined to make up for lost time and it seems, at last, they have got things right.

After sacking Ally MacLeod just days before the League kick-off to the season, the Fir Park board allowed ex-Celtic and Chelsea powerhouse Davie Hay to move in on a caretaker capacity and it didn't take him long to show them that he has learned a thing or two during his soccer travels.

After 11 First Division matches Motherwell had picked up 18 points and were top of the table in the process, becoming top marksmen in Scotland.

"I've been asking the lads to take each game as it comes," says Hay. "I've asked them to look no further forward than the next challenge.

"That was something that was hammered into me by Jock Stein when we were both at Parkhead.

"The Big Man wouldn't tolerate players who didn't give their all in every game. That sort of ideology will do Motherwell no harm."

Hay will recall the time when Jock Stein wasn't too happy with a player, who will remain anonymous,

Alfie Conn in action for Scotland.

HAY FOLLOWS THE STEIN PATTERN



mous, before a European Cup-tie against Ajax.

The player, a regular first team man, was obviously 'saving' himself and possibly not showing total commitment in the games prior to the Ajax clash. When the big day came the player found himself out of the team ... he didn't have to ask why!

Hay, who joined Motherwell as MacLeod's assistant last year, realises that promotion is the main target for the ambitious club and says: "Yes, I think Motherwell belong in the Premier Division.

'Skills'

"There are some players in this team who would brighten up the Top Ten scene, I just hope they get the opportunity to show their skills in that arena next season.

"But, while it's a nice thought, know there is a lot of hard ahead. Every game presents to hurdle, another mountain to climb ... and we've to know that we are up come."

Hay likes that will the hard 'work' went on behind the scenes by



MacLeod, who took over the club when it was in turmoil three years ago.

Two players who are doing their share in reviving Motherwell are men who are well known to Davie Hay. They are Alfie Conn, the talented attacker who faced Hay in the midst of many an Old Firm battle, and Brian McLaughlin, the midfielder bought from Ayr two seasons ago who used to be a Celtic colleague of Hay.

Conn, who, of course, later joined Celtic after Hay had departed to Chelsea, is again a tantalising wizard of the dribble, while McLaughlin has recaptured the form that made him a golden boy of the Parkhead fans.

Hay, Conn and McLaughlin are used to soccer at the top ... they aim to return there as soon as possible.

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and England star Trevor Brooking took them for a training session at Highbury, home of Arsenal.

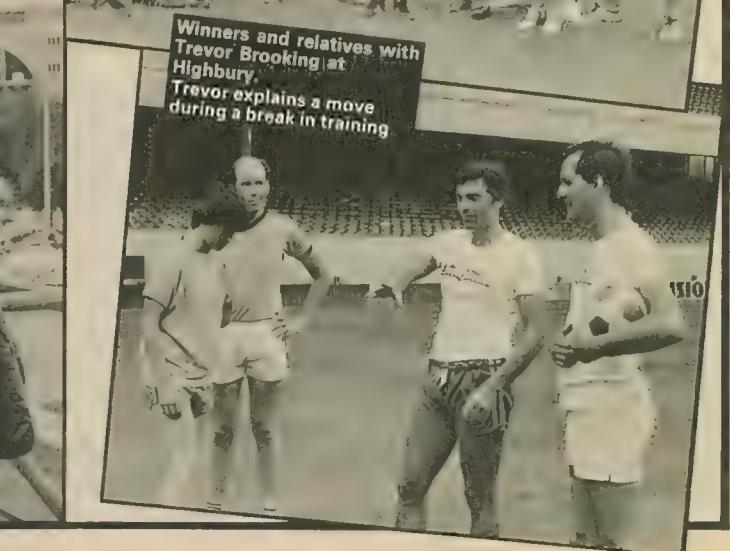
He put them through their paces and they looked absolutely drained at the end.

The following day, the guest was a former team-mate of Brooking, Bobby Moore.

The ex-England captain took the winners to a lunch prior to the Charity Shield between Spurs and Aston Villa.



Bobby Moore outside Wembley stadium with winners Craig Trow, Shaun Jefferies, Richard Semple and Diane Busfield.



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LUTON TOWN

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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

LUTON Town remain the greatest enigma in the Second Division.

A superb 3-0 victory at Orient was enough to take them to the top of the table and make them early season promotion favourites after taking 12 points from their first four games away from Kenilworth Road.

Yet the same team which has so dramatically swept aside all-comers on their travels has mysteriously struggled to recapture that form on their own pitch, losing at home to Cardiff and Wrexham among others.

And while Luton boss David Pleat is obviously pleased with his team's early grip on pole position, he knows those inconsistencies must be ironed out if they are not to be the bridesmaids once again. Traditionally strong starters, Luton's great problem has often been adjusting their fluent, attacking style to the heavy, muddy mid-winter pitches.

Pleat would ideally like to have a sufficient buffer of points to cushion any deficiencies his attack-minded team may have in adapting to the more testing and tiring conditions.

So he has been understandably perturbed when his team have surrendered at home to teams they are expected to thrash.

A home defeat by Oldham on the penultimate Saturday of last season cost The Hatters a place in the First Division. Such results cannot be afforded again if the ambitious Bedfordshire club are to achieve their goal of another crack at the First Division.

The return of David Moss from Tampa Bay Rowdies has boosted an already formidable forward line, and with Brian Stein, Steve White and Godfrey Ingram also competing for a place up front, The Hatters are always going to be good value for goals.

In midfield, the attacking flair of Ricky Hill

should they adopt a more defensive outlook Luton would be certs to go up, but fortunately there are still some managers around who believe that attacking football is the only way to win back the fans.

In defence, full-backs Kirk Stephens and Mark Aizlewood are always looking for the overlap, while Mick Saxby and Mal Donaghy provide solid cover for 'keeper Jake Findlay. Clearly, then, Luton possess one of the best balanced teams in the Second Division. Once they recapture their elusive home form they must surely gain the promotion spot which has just eluded their grasp at the last two attempts.

There is talk that the club are frightened of life in the First Division after their brief and disastrous flirtation among the elite seven seasons ago.

But those who believe that do not know

BACK ROW (left to right): Steve White, Mal Donaghy, Clive Goodyear, Jake Findlay, Mick Saxby, Alan Judge, Mark Aizlewood, Godfrey Ingram, Wayne Turner.

FRONT ROW: David Coates (trainer), Kirk Stephens, Lil Fucillo, Ricky Hill, Brian Horton, David Pleat (manager), Raddy Antic, David Moss, Brian Stein, Trevor Hartley (trainer).

Pleat who has done wonders at Kenilworth Road since taking over from Harry Haslam at the beginning of 1978.

The Wrexhams and Cardiffs of this world are always likely to pinch the points at Kenilworth Road simply because Pleat refuses to abandon his attacking principles. Should they adopt a more defensive outlook Luton would be certs to go up, but fortunately there are still some managers around who believe that attacking football is the only way to win back the fans.



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TONY GALVIN

Spurs



ABERDEEN'S big-money star Peter Weir was a late starter in the professional game. But now he's doing his best to make up for lost time.

Weir, the highest-priced player in Scotland after his £330,000 move from St Mirren in the summer, forecasts an exciting season ahead for both him and his new club.

"We had a poor start in the League when we lost our first two games to Dundee United and Celtic but eventually we managed to turn the corner and I'm confident we can stay in the hunt for the Championship," he says.

"There's so much quality here at Pittodrie that we must have a say in where the title is going. In fact, after beating Ipswich in the UEFA Cup I am confident we can battle for honours on two fronts, both at home and in Europe."

It was two brilliant individual goals from Weir in the second leg against Ipswich that carried Aberdeen through, the first time a Scottish club had delivered a European knockout blow to an English side since Celtic defeated Leeds United in 1970.

"Beating Ipswich was a terrific achievement because they have proved what a good side they are with their success in recent years. Going to Portman Road and drawing 1-1 really set us up for victory and I was delighted to score a couple of goals," he says.

Weir, an exciting left-winger, won four Scottish caps last year and is anxious to win more.

But he insists: "My priority is to play well for Aberdeen and prove that I am good value for the money they paid for me. I'm keen to be consistent and to score goals as well as create chances for the other lads."

"I was reasonably pleased with my own start to the season but then I was injured and that set me back quite a bit. I made my comeback at Ipswich but not training very much had taken a slight edge off my game."

"However it wasn't long before I regained my sharpness and I know that if I can turn it on at club level on a regular basis I'm bound to have a chance of getting back into the international squad."

Dons' boss Alex Ferguson agrees and adds: "Peter has one of the best football brains I have ever come across. His use of the ball is tremendous and he has a terrific knowledge of the game."

"Before he joined us there wasn't the same pressure on him to play consistently well. But we're in no position to accept him playing bad games."

"Since he came to Pittodrie we've worked hard on his fitness and he's much

Ipswich's Frans Thijssen is grounded by the skills of Peter Weir in the UEFA Cup.



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sharper now than ever before. We want to use him further forward than St Mirren did, but apart from creating chances we know he can also get back to support the midfield."

When Ferguson splashed out a record fee to take Weir to Pittodrie it was the second time he had signed him, the first being some years earlier when he had given him his start in the senior game at St Mirren.

Weir recalls: "Alex signed me on a part-time contract from Neilston Juniors but shortly afterwards left to join Aberdeen. I didn't really know where I stood but when Jim Clunie took over things began to work out well."

"I was only a part-timer for three or four weeks before I went full-time and then I was in the first team to play Rangers at Ibrox. I've never really looked back since."

'Handicap'

But, incredibly enough, Weir once decided to quit football and concentrate on golf. He recalls: "I was 15 at the time and just got fed up with the game. After going to college I got a job as an assistant greenkeeper and I was playing off a handicap of six and getting better all the time."

"My mates were always having a go at me to play football and when I was 19 I eventually gave in. I joined an amateur side in Barrhead and before long I was signing for Neilston."

"I suppose I've had a rapid rise to the top," he says, "and now I intend to stay there to help both Aberdeen and myself win the top honours."

Scotland boss Jock Stein was in the crowd at Pittodrie to see Weir's two dazzling goals against Ipswich and if he can maintain that form his reward could be a ticket to Spain for next year's World Cup Finals.

Weir knows he faces stiff competition for a place in that Scottish team, but he is confident he can succeed.

'Unknowns' on their way to Spain

WHILE Mexico, Haiti, El Salvador and Cuba have all competed in previous World Cup Finals, Honduras and Canada will be playing flat-out for an historic 'first' when the six-nation CONCACAF play-offs begin on November 1st.

And Honduras, who will host the three-week tournament in their capital Tegucigalpa, must be in with a strong chance of grabbing one of the two tickets for the next year's Finals in Spain.

SHOOT asked Honduran manager Chelato (below) to give his appraisal of the six Central and North American candidates.

CANADA have a good chance. I was impressed with their qualifying performances against USA and Mexico, and they're very much the odd-man-out in these play-offs because they play a very British style of football, with long passing and lots of high crosses. Their problem is coming to terms with the more technical possession football played in Central America. They're the joker in the pack.

HAITI could be the weakest team I feel. I know they still have one or two of their team that qualified in 1974, but five of their top names, like Sanon, for example, are playing in other countries. Even though they might be back in time for the play-offs, they'll have had very little time for serious preparation work.

EL SALVADOR are among my favourites for a place in Spain. Their striker Jorge Gonzalez is the best player in Central America. He's a superstar, and he can turn a game on his own. I also like Norberto Huezo in midfield. They impressed me a lot in the two qualifying games we played against them.

their record in athletics, I'm sure the team will be very well prepared physically, though they may be lacking in flair and inspiration.

MEXICO will be the favourites, as usual, but I have the impression that their traditional supremacy is not as marked as in previous years, and we could have a surprise. Cárdenas is fielding quite an inexperienced team, and the top stars have to be brought home from other countries at the last moment. I don't feel that Mexican football has progressed in recent years, whereas in other countries there's been a big improvement.

HONDURAS must have a good chance as the host nation. I think our opponents will have just that extra respect and caution when they face us in front of 50,000 fans in Tegucigalpa and I don't think it'll be easy to beat us. I would say that we're technically inferior to one or two of our rivals, and we haven't got any big names. But we compensate for this by a good level of physical fitness, 90 minutes of effort, and the ability to shoot from any angle and distance. Jimmy Steward is very



No Turkish delight

WHEN Inter Milan met Adanaspor away in the UEFA Cup their chartered plane was allowed to land at the Adana airport, a Turkish military base usually closed to civil aircraft.

The temperature in Adana was 40 degrees centigrade on arrival and to combat the heat the Inter doctor ordered the players to eat five bananas per day each; ice cream and also tablets rich in potassium.

It must have helped for Inter won 3-1. However...

Almost the entire squad went down with stomach trouble and dysentery 24 hours after the UEFA Cup game.

Their chairman, Ivano Fraizzoli, and his wife were taken ill on the plane home and next day seven players were in bed.

Inter took all their food and bottled water, as well as wine to Turkey and finally put it down to eating Turkish ice cream.

• Yugoslav First Division team Budocnost had a bad time getting to their League game away to Novi Sad in Vojvodina. Normally the flight is just a short one, but this time their plane was hijacked. They reached Vojvodina via Athens, Tel Aviv and Cyprus after spending a day and a night on the plane.

• Fortuna Dusseldorf made a poor start to the Bundesliga this season and to try and remedy matters have increased the players' bonuses. A win now brings £650 instead of £500 and a draw is now worth £325.

• Lutz Eigendorf declined

to play for Kaiserslautern away to Akademik in Sofia where they lost 1-0. He defected from East Germany three years ago and was afraid the East Germans might arrange for him to be arrested in Bulgaria and returned to the German Democratic Republic.

• Opinion of Max Merkel, former coach of Atletico Madrid and half the clubs in the West German Bundesliga and his native Austria, on Didier Six, the French left-wing international bought by VfB Stuttgart . . . "His place is in a circus."

• Swiss international Rene Bostner has asked Cologne for a transfer. Rinus Michels has left him out of the side, and he says after eight years as a professional he wants a first team place.

• Ladies football is being taken up in China. They will hold their first ever ladies' Championship with six teams taking part.

• Hennes Weisweiler, coach of the New York Cosmos, celebrated his club reaching the NASL Final with the birth of his first child . . . at the age of 63.

Compiled by CHRIS DAVIES

FUSSY SWISS

SWISS fans are getting very particular about which games they watch.

The visit of England drew a capacity crowd in Basle, but this season League leaders Servette are having a hard time.

During the summer the Geneva club signed five new internationals and had a 100 per cent record when they met FC Basle at home.

A battle between the first and second clubs, separated by one point should have brought in a big crowd but Servette, who won 1-0 were watched by less than 5,000.

ST.-ETIENNE recovered from their hasty exit from the European Cup and after a poor start have zoomed up the French table.

Away to Lille they won 4-3 watched by 24,274 fans, quite the best of the day and three days later, at home to FC Nantes, won 1-0 with 24,597 paying to watch.

On the same day AS Monaco pulled in only 1,813 to see their 5-1 win over Nancy.

Now Monaco and St.-Etienne are sharing third place, just two points behind leaders Sochaux.

Peru in bribes allegation

IN Uruguay the dust still hasn't settled after the demolition of their World Cup dreams by Peru.

What's more, sifting through the rubble has turned up a few nasty surprises, and the Uruguayan F.A. has called in the police to investigate allegations from a Uruguayan source that an attempt was made to bribe Peru's goalkeeper Quiroga before the vital clash between the two countries in Lima.

A number of the Uruguayan squad have confirmed that they were instructed by one of the F.A. directors to "shoot at Quiroga from all angles and distances" and not to worry "because the result has been fixed".

In fact the match ended with a 0-0 scoreline, and Quiroga is more than upset by the rumours that he'd been "got at".

News flashes

Schuster in trouble again



IT'S difficult to keep Bernd Schuster out of the news these days. His latest exploit has been to get himself sent-off in Barcelona's 1-0 home win against Sporting Gijón — the team that's won Spain's Fair Play League for the last three years.

Schuster earned himself the red card for butting Gijón defender Redondo in the face, only a few minutes after he'd been cautioned for chopping down Andrés from behind.

And on quite a busy night he'd also shot Barcelona's winner from a free-kick, to retain his place at the head of the scoring charts alongside Hércules striker Segundo, and one ahead of Iribarbel, central striker of shock pace-setters Osasuna.

'Sensation' Hoeness



DIETER Hoeness, the Bayern Munich striker who is currently the leading scorer in the Bundesliga, hit a hat-trick against Kaiserslautern.

His deputy, Reinhold Matthes, said after the game: "Hoeness only touched the ball about ten times, had three chances and scored from them all. I think he could

force his way into our World Cup team and on his current form he could be a sensation in Spain."

FOOTBALL FUNNIES



"I am sorry but I only take long-term tenants."



"I think you are treading on young Charlie's hair."



"He took a flying header at the ball and missed."



This week Steve Terry, Watford's young defender, selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.



"It was ironic. I was watching myself on Match of the Day and got booked by a G.P.O. detector for not having a licence."

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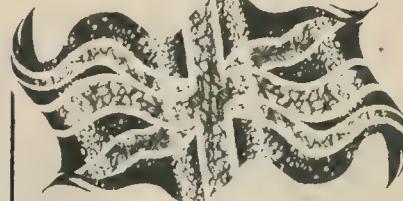
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WOLVES manager John Barnwell says: "Just give us 12 months at Molineux and the flood-gates will open. The young players coming through are the best I've seen in my life." His new captain Joe Gallagher responds: "Why wait? We're as good as anyone in the First Division

right now despite our lowly position.

"I know that the manager feels that way but I was at the club no longer than 24 hours before I started telling the players that all they needed was to believe in themselves a bit more. Their ability is tremendous," argues Gallagher.

Signed for £400,000 after 11 seasons with Birmingham, he says:

"Although we didn't win anything there, we certainly had the players. Trevor Francis was the best there is; others like Colin Todd and Archie Gemmill not far behind.

"Having played with men like them, I had the knowledge to go to Wolves and say what I did. Paul Bradshaw, for instance, has to be one of the best goalkeepers in the country; it is beyond me why Kenny Hibbitt hasn't played for England ... and so on.

years at one club ... but I've never surrendered my ambition to be capped.

"Wolves and John Barnwell can do just so much in that respect; then the rest is up to me.

"I believe that my chances of winning something at Wolves, rightly a famous club because of its achievements over the years, are far higher than they were at Birmingham. Maybe 11 years at one club left me just a little bogged

'WOLVES AS GOOD AS ANYONE'

— Joe Gallagher



MARK Wallington is surely setting a record without parallel in Football League history. He played against Everton on January 11, 1975 ... and hasn't missed a first team game since in goal for Leicester City!

Even more astonishing is that Mark is hardly aware of his feat. "Do I know when and where I started my run of matches? You must be joking!" he says incredulously. "I think it was in November, 1974, but I honestly don't know."

'Sights'

Leicester's magnificent skipper was a couple of months out with his off-the-cuff guess. "What does it matter?" he queries. "Every week, I set my sights on Saturday: after that game, the one on the following Saturday."

"Don't get me wrong. If, at the end of everything, I've set some kind of record for a fine club, then I'll be a very proud man. But I'll never think about that kind of thing in advance."

"To do so would be to invite all kinds of problems. You start to dwell on records and then something happens which brings you down to earth. I'll just let records crop up as I get on with the job of keeping goal for Leicester!"

Nevertheless, to go almost six years without an injury is a remarkable feat — especially

considering that Mark is one of the bravest goalkeepers in the game. Surely there must have been games when he doubted his fitness?

"If you talk to our physiotherapist, John McVey, he'll tell you every match I play!" jokes Wallington. "Seriously, however, I owe a great deal to him and every 'physio' that we've had at Filbert Street. I've had an outstanding relationship with all of them."

"That is part of the reason for going so long without missing a

got going because of Peter," recalls his successor. "He wanted to leave and the manager at the time, Jimmy Bloomfield, decided that the best way for Leicester was to have me in the first team — but keep Peter fit by playing him in the reserves."

"That was at the start of the 1974-75 season and Peter got back in briefly only because I had an injury — my last! I can't remember what it was except that I got it in training."

WALLINGTON'S LONG PLAYING RECORD

match: the rest of it is the sheer enjoyment of playing. The way I look at the game is that you work hard all week with one aim in sight: the pleasure of playing on Saturday."

Leicester supporters will have their chance shortly to say 'thank you' to the goalkeeper who came from the shadows of Gordon Banks and Peter Shilton to set a standard of his own. Mark has been scheduled a testimonial year in 1981 ... and there can be few players in football who have deserved one more.

"My career at Leicester really

Under Mark's captaincy, Leicester have been promoted from the Second Division and instantly relegated back there last season.

"People said that the quality of the players was good enough but that maybe the promotion came too soon in their careers.

"Now we are a year further on and with far more experience. Players like Andy Peake, John O'Neill and Tommy Williams are maturing fast: lads who were 17 when we started our last climb are now that much better equipped."

More than his testimonial, far more than records — nothing compares in Mark's order of priorities than leading Leicester back to the First Division.



Wallington saves from Derby's Dave Swindlehurst.



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I'M NOT completely satisfied with my form and fitness since returning to the first team after injury, but at least I haven't lost confidence or the goal-touch.

My foot is still sore and I need pain-killing tablets before training and matches. But the specialist has assured me the injury won't get any worse.

I feel it for the last 15 minutes of games, but the pain isn't bad enough to prevent me working hard to regain top form and fitness.

I must be particularly sharp this Saturday when Ipswich Town are visitors to Villa Park. They beat us three times last season, twice in the League and in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup. So Villa must stop that run.

To do that Peter Withe and I must find a way past Russell Osman and Terry Butcher. The pair go together like a night club act, each complementing the other.

Terry is the big, powerful, dominant centre-back, while Russell has more finesse and skill on the ground.

Butcher usually marks Peter while Osman picks me up. Both are hard tacklers and we've had some rare old tussles, but they are fair as are most of today's top class defenders.

As good as they are I don't rate them as highly as the former Derby County and England centre-half Roy McFarland, who is now making a success as manager of Bradford City.

I only played against Roy a couple of times as a raw youngster but gained valuable lessons that will stand me in good stead for the rest of my career.

He taught me never to take things for granted, ensure that I keep moving during a game, try to think one move ahead of my opponent and never get caught in possession.

Even though Roy was past his best when I first played against him as a 17-year-old, he moved and looked like a real thoroughbred. He tackled with impeccable timing and his ability to read situations was

incredible.

I hardly got a kick. Roy had me in his pocket from the kick off.

It wasn't his tackling that beat me. I never really saw the ball. His uncanny vision and experience enabled him to cut out passes and crosses as soon as they left a boot.

Before the game a team-mate had warned Roy might try to intimidate me and attempt to put me off my game with some verbiage.

But he didn't speak once, until the end of the game when he put his arms around my shoulders and told me I had a great future.

I'll never forget that gesture from one of the finest professionals football has produced.

I hope he does take Bradford City to promotion from the Fourth Division this season. That will prove the nice guys do win on occasions.

Another defender I've always admired is Birmingham's Colin Todd.

Like Roy he reads a game well and is usually able to stay one step ahead of an opponent.

Roy's international career was cut short by injury. Colin would have won more caps but for the presence of Bobby Moore and a reluctance to spend long periods away from his wife and family.

Colin knew his chances of playing for England on tour were limited so he asked not to be selected.

I don't necessarily agree with Colin's decision, but understand his reasons. Mind you I might feel

differently if I was married with a couple of young kids.

My toughest ever opponent was Paul Madeley, who retired from the game at the end of last season after a long and distinguished career with Leeds and England.

He was one of the game's finest all-rounders and played in every position except goal for Don Revie's great team of the 70's.

Like Roy and Colin, Paul could "read" situations well, often two strides ahead of opponents on account of his experience.

Of present day defenders the most complete of them all is Arsenal's David O'Leary.

Dave always seems to have plenty of time . . . the sign of a great player. I know Liam Brady and Frank Stapleton have left huge gaps at Highbury, but David's loss would have been even more serious. Arsenal could never have replaced a player of his versatility.

Suffering

Even though we've got young defenders such as Alvin Martin (West Ham), Shaun Elliott (Sunderland), Tommy Caton (Manchester City), Mark Smith (Sheffield Wednesday) and Steve Foster (Brighton) coming through at the moment, England are suffering from a shortage of top class defenders.

The reason for this is simple. A few years ago most schoolboys wanted to be strikers or midfielders. Few chose to play in defence.

At least it has helped make the defenders we have better players because most of them have had experience playing in other positions.

They do say that most full-backs are frustrated wingers.

See you next time . . .



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TROPHIES

1. David Peach scored a goal for which club against Nottingham Forest at Wembley in the 1978-79 Football League Cup Final at Wembley? Brian Clough's men won 3-2.
2. Which club has won the Scottish League Cup for the past two seasons?
3. Did Tottenham, Queens Park Rangers or West Ham win the 1980-81 F.A. Youth Cup?
4. Which trophy did Rotherham United win last season?
5. Who won the Scottish Writers' Player of the Year award last season?

ON THE BALL ANSWERS:

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WORLD CUP

Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales and the Republic of Ireland were involved in important World Cup qualifying games recently. Can you answer the following questions about the ties?

1. Scotland and Northern Ireland met in a goalless draw, which meant the Scots qualified for the Finals in Spain. Andy Gray (below, right) came on as substitute. Did he replace John Robertson, Graeme Souness or Gordon Strachan?

2. Who played in goal for Northern Ireland?

3. After scoring 43 goals in 91 League games he was signed by

4. Peter then made his third move when — signed him for Everton.

5. He finished the 1980-81 season as Goodison Park's leading League goalscorer with — goals.

3. Wales hopes were dashed when they could only manage a 2-2 draw at home to Iceland. Who scored the goals for Mike England's men?

4. What was the half-time score?

5. Republic of Ireland finished their qualifying games with a fine 3-2 victory against France. How many points did Eire finish with?



SPOT THE CLUBS

1. Mark Proctor (below) played 109 League games for which club before being transferred to Nottingham Forest.
2. Manchester City's Phil Boyer has played League games for four other clubs during his career. Can you name them?
3. The Saddlers is the popular nickname of Watford, Walsall or Wigan Athletic?
4. Boundary Park is the home ground of which Second Division club?



TRUE OR FALSE?

1. Former Liverpool star Ian Callaghan played four times for the full England international side during his career.
2. Wolverhampton Wanderers were once known as St Luke's.
3. Dave Mackay is manager of Scottish Premier Division club Dundee.
4. Third Division Doncaster Rovers play their home games at the Feethams Ground.
5. Arthur Cox is Newcastle United's ninth manager since the last War.

ANSWERS:

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STEVE Mackenzie admits he was shattered when Manchester City boss John Bond told him his time was up at Maine Road — just three months after scoring a spectacular goal in the F.A. Cup Final.

And it was no consolation to hear Bond explaining: "We had to sell someone to raise the money for the new players we wanted."

"It was a painful decision to let Steve go and I know people will curse me if he becomes an England player in the future. But he was the only player West Brom asked for and they were offering a good price."

But, at the time, the 19-year-old England 'B' international was feeling like a transfer pawn.

First, City offered him to Albion as "bait" in an attempt to sign Peter Barnes. Instead the England winger went to Leeds, but Albion manager Ronnie Allen left a £500,000 bid for Mackenzie on the table.

"I was quite happy and contented at Maine Road until the Albion situation came up," he says. "And I was shattered when I first heard about the idea of a move. I didn't want to leave, but after weighing everything up, I realised that if City were going to let me go, I would be better off with Albion."

"Although the club has been a bit unsettled with Peter Barnes, Remi Moses and Bryan



Steve Mackenzie blasts home his spectacular volley for City against Spurs in the F.A. Cup Final last season.

Looking back, it seems surprising that a squad which produced two million-pound men in Justin Fashanu and Clive Allen failed to carry off the best-in-Europe crown.

Other talented youngsters like Gary Shaw, Paul Allen, Mark Falco, Mark Proctor, Brian McDermott and John Lukic were available that season. But they missed out on honours, whereas the 1979-80 side, again including

'I didn't want to leave Man. City'

— Albion's STEVE MACKENZIE

Robson all going, there are still a lot of good players at The Hawthorns. We still have the bulk of the side that qualified for the UEFA Cup.

"Perhaps there is a disadvantage in that Albion are not regarded as a big-city club like City. We were always in the limelight at Maine Road and that was great. But now I've had time to settle in at Albion, I'm sure I am better off."

Steve, of course, is no stranger to shock transfers, for he was only just 17 and without a scrap of League experience when he was snatched out of Crystal Palace's reserves and taken to Maine Road as part of Malcolm Allison's multi-million pound shake-up in 1979.

But Steve's potential had already been noted on a national level. He was capped eight times by the England Youth team which reached the Semi-Final of the UEFA Youth Tournament in Austria that year.

Mackenzie, won the European trophy with only a sprinkling of lads now holding regular First Division places.

"I was one of the youngest in 1979," recalls Steve. "It was a good side and we were unfortunate not to win the tournament. But somehow we didn't play as we were capable when we lost to Bulgaria in the Semi-Final."

"I can't explain why that side has brought forward a number of Under-21 internationals but the 1980 team hasn't done so well despite winning the trophy."

"Both teams were well organised and did their jobs well. Manager John Cartwright also looked after both sides equally well. Obviously the lads in the second side are not bad players and it seems just one of those things that they haven't made as much progress so far."

But Steve's career took off with the instant recognition of

becoming a £250,000 player as a 17-year-old. "The money never worried me," he says. "But with so many new faces at Maine Road, we didn't gel into a team. Malcolm Allison helped me and a lot of the players as individuals but the results never came as we had hoped."

"It was just the opposite when John Bond arrived. We got a result in more or less his first game and he helped the side settle down by bringing in a few older and more experienced players."

The end-product was an emotion-charged run to Wembley — and then disappointment after losing to Spurs in a replay.

Stunning

"Nothing could console us after losing," he says. And even his recollection of a stunning goal is clipped and concise rather than a memory of a magic moment. "A free-kick was played into the box, it was headed back out to me and I hit it on the volley," he stated without frills.

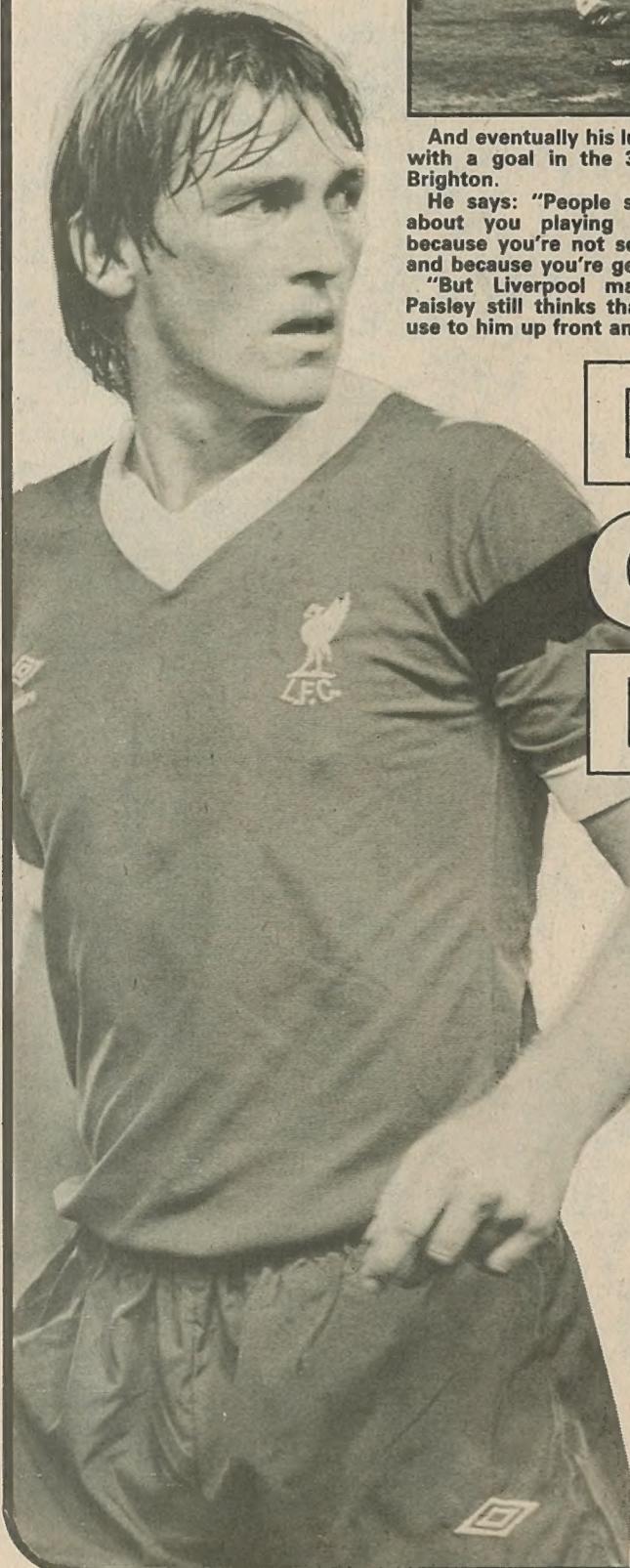
Perhaps that's because Steve is a player looking only to the future. After collecting an England 'B' cap with City last season, he has already won his first Under-21 selection since joining Albion — and all that before reaching his 20th birthday in November.



KENNY Dalglish is not a player to shirk his responsibilities, even when he was going through the worst League goal famine in his career.

By the middle of October Dalglish had gone over ten months without a First Division goal. During that time, the chances he used to finish off so clinically were hit wide, high, at the goalkeeper or even missed completely.

But thoughts of even a temporary withdrawal from the front line were dismissed like an obstinate defender by Dalglish.



And eventually his luck changed with a goal in the 3-3 draw at Brighton.

He says: "People start talking about you playing in midfield because you're not scoring goals and because you're getting older.

"But Liverpool manager Bob Paisley still thinks that I'm most use to him up front and I go along

with that.

"I have to keep getting into the box where the chances are and just keep trying to put one away.

"It's an instinctive thing, goalscoring. So when you're going through a bad spell, there's not much you can do about it.

"You can think of all sorts of technical reasons and just drive

Kenny Dalglish scores a brilliant goal for Liverpool against West Ham in the League Cup Final replay.

matter what the critics say in the end. Liverpool's record speaks for itself.

"It's a compliment, really, the way people are ready to write us off after a couple of bad results. But I'm sure we will be up there by the end. Ipswich didn't get off to a flyer, either, but they soon made up the ground."

Anfield has more new faces around than usual this season. Bruce Grobbelaar has taken over from Ray Clemence in goal, Mark Lawrenson is trying to make his mark in three positions and Craig Johnston is itching to show what he can do in midfield.

But despite manager Bob Paisley's criticism of the "playboys" and "fly-by-nights" in his team, any change is likely to be gradual.

"That's always been the Liverpool way and I don't see it changing. We have got some new faces around the place but they'll be brought in gradually."

Now Kenny is looking to make his mark for Scotland in next year's World Cup Finals.

DALGLISH GOAL- DROUGHT

**'I think I'm playing well
... I don't worry about not scoring**

yourself crazy. And there's nothing you can work on in training that will help.

"I know that if I don't score, I'm letting the lads down. But it doesn't do any good to worry about it."

The most important thing, says Dalglish, is that you are contributing to the team. And though he could have done without his lean spell, he's glad to have proved that a goalscoring GCE isn't the extent of his footballing qualifications.

"I would like to think that if I hadn't been doing my turn in the team that I would have been left out of the side. Liverpool don't have room for passengers.

"It's the same with Garry Birtles. He struggled last season but even though he wasn't scoring, he must have been contributing something."

Liverpool made another slow start to the season, causing a fresh batch of critics to suggest that they are now on the downward slope.

Says Dalglish: "It doesn't really

"We didn't do too badly in 1974. The team didn't lose a match that time. But 1978 was a big disappointment and I know the Scottish fans were upset.

"But I would expect them to back us in even bigger numbers for Spain, particularly as it's such a short distance from Britain."

Experience'

"I think the team is more difficult and more professional under Jock Stein. He has a lot of experience at that level and it shows.

The Scottish crowds are very patriotic and tend to get carried away and it has often led to the side throwing too much into attack and leaving the back door open.

"But I think we have tightened up now and I think we have a good squad."

By the time he sets off for Spain next summer, though, Dalglish hopes to be clutching more medals and League goals from his winter with Liverpool.

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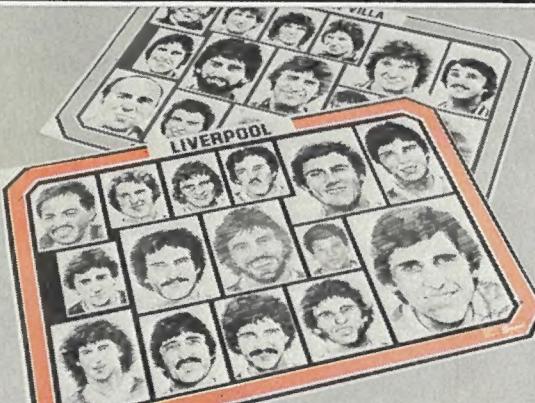
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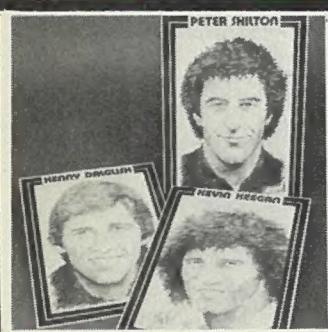
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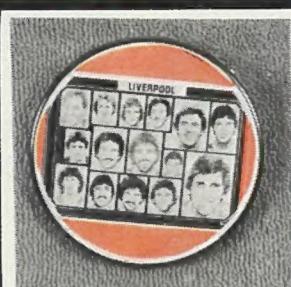
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JOB OR TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: Paint sprayer

NICKNAME: 'T.C.'

FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER: Sun (page 3)

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: George Best, Charlie George

A PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Kevin Taylor (Sheff. Wed.)

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Manchester United

FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD: George Best

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Tennis, snooker and greyhound racing

OTHER SPORTS PERSONS YOU MOST ADMIRE: Ilie Nastase, Alex Higgins

YOUR BEST EVER ALL TIME XI: Banks, Cohen, Wilson, Ball, Charlton (J), Moore, Best, Greaves, Charlton (R), Law, George.

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Nottm. Forest v Fulham in 1976. Drew 2-2. My best ever performance.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Knee injury which possibly cost me my career at Forest.

FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS: None
BEST STADIUM PLAYED IN: Wembley

FAVOURITE FOOD AND DRINK: Steak and wine

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES . . .

DISLIKES: Playing well and scoring . . . Bad managers

FAVOURITE SINGERS: Brian Ferry, Billy Joel, Beatles

FAVOURITE ACTORS . . . ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood and Charles Bronson/Cheryl Ladd

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Marbella

BEST FILM SEEN RECENTLY: 'Escape To Victory'

FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Any sports programmes

FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF: Walking my greyhounds with my pal Trevor Rees

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Myself and Maurice Setters when he was Doncaster boss

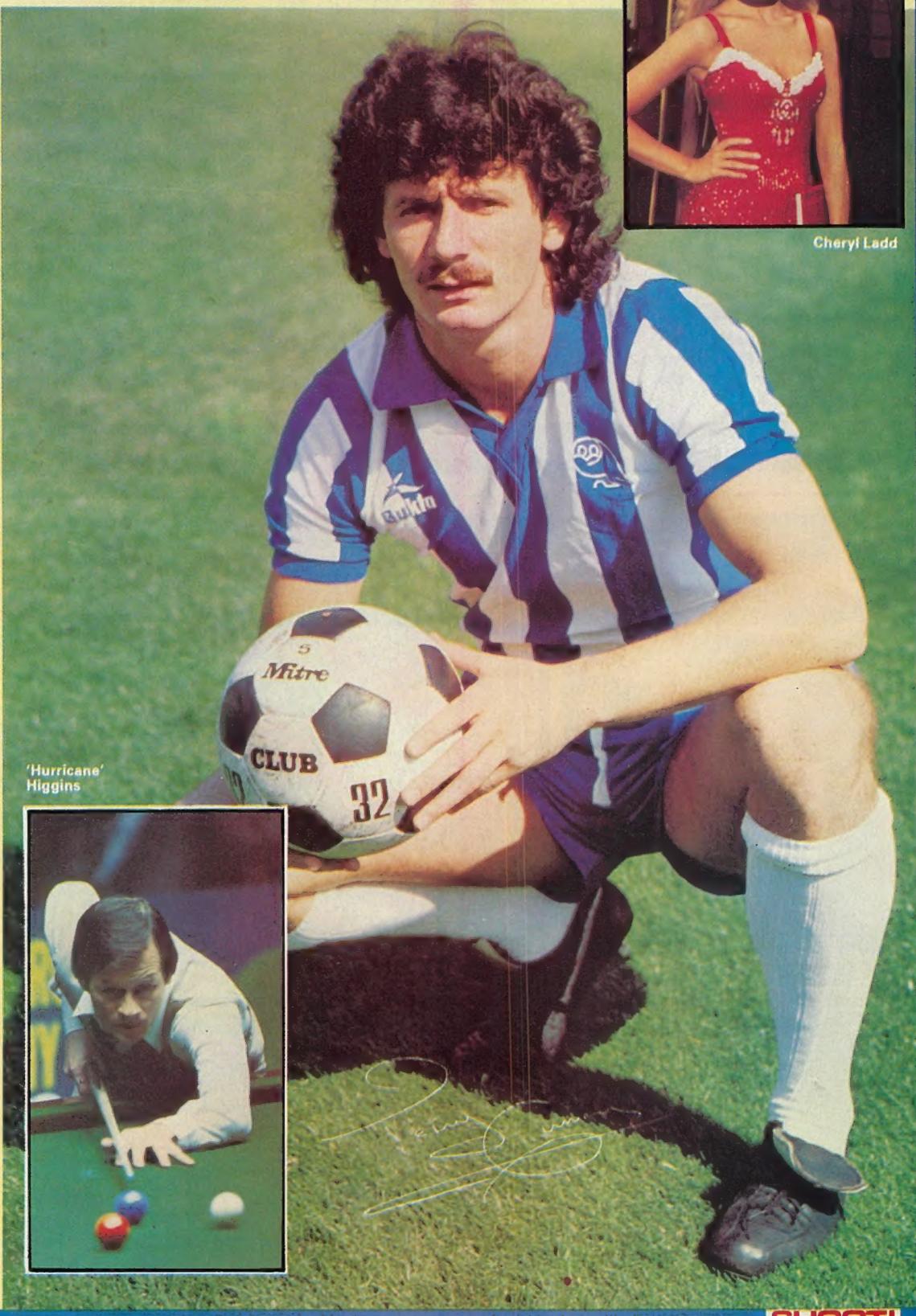
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: None (but I cannot understand why)

PERSONAL AMBITION: To put Sheffield Wednesday back in the First Division and to play for England

IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO? Don't know

CAREER AFTER PLAYING: Manager

WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Cheryl Ladd



SHOOT!